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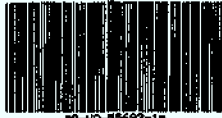
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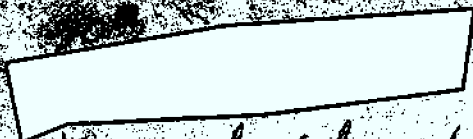
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KENNEDY, Edward M

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: SAC, Washington Field Office  
(9-3184)

Date: April 10, 1973

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From: Director, FBI

Re: [Redacted]

SENATOR KENNEDY-VICTIM  
JACQUILINE ONASSIS-VICTIM  
CORETTA KING-VICTIM  
OO: Philadelphia

FBI File No. 9-55692-1

Lab. REC-139 D-730328002 JC

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Examination requested by: Washington Field Office

Reference: Airtel 3/26/73

Examination requested: Document

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For your investigative assistance, significant similarities were noted in the fingerprint card signature of [Redacted] and in the [Redacted] signatures on the letters submitted.

For your information, Charlotte Office by letter dated 7/3/68, submitted to the Bureau letters which were received [Redacted]

[Redacted]

APR 20 1973  
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- Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Baker \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Cleveland \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Herington \_\_\_\_\_
- Ms. Hewig \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mintz \_\_\_\_\_
- Mrs. Noonan \_\_\_\_\_

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Washington Field Office  
(4-3184)

Date: April 10, 1973  
FBI File No. 9-55692  
Lab. No. D-730328002 JC

Re: [redacted]  
SENATOR KENNEDY-VICTIM  
JACQUILINE ONASSIS-VICTIM  
CORRETTA KING-VICTIM

Specimens received 3/27/73

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- Qc2 Photocopy of a one-page handwritten letter beginning "Dear Mr Mail Man You have Been Reding..."
- Qc3 Photocopies of envelope postmarked "Chester, PA PM FEB16 1973," and a four-page handwritten letter beginning "Dear Mrs Coretta Scott King..."
- Qc4 Photocopies of envelope postmarked "CHESTER PM FEB14 1973" bearing handwritten address "Mrs Coretta Scott King Commemorative Society P. O. Box 183 Coshocton Ohio 43812," and accompanying three-page handwritten letter beginning "Dear Mrs Coretta Scott King My Name is..."
- Qc5 Photocopies of envelope postmarked "CHESTER PA PM FEB23 1973" bearing handwritten address "Mrs Coretta Scott King Commemorative Society P O Box 183 Coshocton Ohio 43812," and accompanying four-page handwritten letter beginning "Dear Mrs Coretta Scott King My Name is [redacted]"
- Qc6 Photocopies of envelope postmarked "CHESTER PA PM FEB23 1973" bearing handwritten address [redacted] and accompanying two-page handwritten letter beginning "Dear [redacted] My Name is [redacted]..."
- Qc7 Photocopies of envelope postmarked "CHESTER PA PM FEB24 1973" bearing handwritten address "American Negro Commemorative Society P O Box 183 Coshocton Ohio 43812," and accompanying four three-page handwritten letters beginning "Dear [redacted] My Name is [redacted]"

- Qc8 Photocopies of envelope postmarked "CHESTER, PA AM FEB3 1973" bearing handwritten address "American Negro Commemorative Society P O Box 183 Cashoctan, Ohio, 43812," and accompanying five-page handwritten letter beginning "American Negro Commemorative Society Dear Sur...."
- Qc9 Photocopies of envelope postmarked "CHESTER, PA PM FEB6 1973" bearing handwritten address "Mrs Coretta Scott King Commemorative Society P O Box 183 Cashoctan Ohio 43812," and accompanying six-page handwritten letter beginning "Dear Mrs Coretta Scott King My Name is [REDACTED]..."
- Qc10 Photocopies of envelope postmarked "CHESTER, PA PM JAN27 1973" bearing handwritten address "American Negro Commemorative Society P O Box 183 Coshoctin Ohio 43812," and accompanying two-page handwritten letter beginning "American Negro Commemorative Society Dear Sur...."
- Qc11 Photocopies of envelope postmarked "CHESTER, PA PM JAN31 1973" bearing handwritten address "American Negro Commemorative Society P O Box 183 Coshocton Ohio 43812," and accompanying three-page handwritten letter beginning "American Negro Comm morative Society My Name is [REDACTED]..."

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Result of examination:

Qc1 through Qc11 werenot identified with other submissions in the Anonymous Letter File.

Due to the limited amount of handwriting appearing on his fingerprint card it was not determined whether the [REDACTED] signatures on the letters submitted were written by [REDACTED]

The evidence is retained.

Recorded  
3/29/73 mr

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NO. LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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Re   
SENATOR KENNEDY-VICTIM  
JACQUINE ONASSIS-VICTIM  
CORRETTA KING-VICTIM  
000: DH

File # 9-55692-1  
Lab. # D-730328002 JC

Examination requested by: WFO (9-3184) A 3/26/73

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 3/27/73

Result of Examination:

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beginning "Dear Mr Mail Man You have Been Reding..."
- a four-page*
- Qc3 ~~Phtocopies of four envelopes and four handwritten letters~~  
~~envelopes and four handwritten letters~~ postmarked "Chester, PA PM FEB16  
1973," and ~~letters~~ beginning "Dear Mrs Coretta Scott King..."

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2 - Charlotte (89-46)

- Qc4 Photocopies of ~~four~~ envelope~~s~~ postmarked "CHESTER PM ~~XXXXXX~~ FEB14 1973" bearing handwritten address "Mrs Coretta Scott King Commemorative Society P. O. Box 183 Coshocton Ohio 43812," and accompanying ~~four~~ three-page ~~xxx~~ handwritten letter~~s~~ beginning "Dear Mrs Coretta & Scott King My Name is ..."
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FBI

Date:

3/26/73

- Mr. Tolt
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- Mr. Conrad
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- Mr. Hargis
- Mr. Mintz
- Mrs. Neenan

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (9-3184) (P)

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

SENATOR KENNEDY-VICTIM *Edwards, Phil. Del.*  
JACQUELINE ONASSIS-VICTIM  
CORRETTA KING-VICTIM  
(OO:PH)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are five xerox copies of communications postmarked Chester, Pennsylvania from January 27, 1973 to February 23, 1973 from [redacted]

The writer expresses an interest in Senator KENNEDY, JACQUELINE ONASSIS, CORRETTA KING and comments that the President does not want him to kill these individuals. The writer signs these letters [redacted]

Enclosed for Philadelphia (which is designated Office of Origin) are two copies of same material.

The Bureau has instructed that this matter must receive vigorous and continuous attention until fully resolved. A Summary Teletype, from the Office of Origin must reach the Bureau by Close of Business 4/4/73 immediately followed by an LHM, from the Office of Origin, suitable for dissemination.

55 ENCLOSURE ENC. BEHIND FILE

- 4 - Bureau (Enc. 5)
- 2 - Philadelphia (Enc. 2)
- 2 - WFO (1 - 66-3029)

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

Index Lab Files

"COPY AND SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB"

WFO 9-3184

This material was received on 3/16/73 from SAC GARY M. MC LEOD, Liaison Division, U.S. Secret Service (USSS), 1800 G Street, N.W. Washington, D. C. (WDC), by letter to WFO. USSS has made a check of their name files and visual files of previously submitted letters with negative results. USSS is conducting an investigation at this time.

On 3/23/73 SA [redacted] advised the following individuals of captioned threat:

[redacted]  
U.S. Capitol Police  
Washington, D. C.

[redacted]  
Intelligence Division  
Metropolitan Police Department,  
Washington, D. C.

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#### REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Laboratory Division is requested to search this material through the Anonymous Letter File and conduct other appropriate examination. Lab furnish results expeditiously to Office of Origin.

#### LEADS

##### PHILADELPHIA

##### AT CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA

- 1) Present to appropriate USA for prosecutive opinion.
- 2) Notify local authorities.
- 3) If prosecution authorized, conduct appropriate investigation.
- 4) Submit summary teletype to Bureau by COB 4/4/73.
- 5) Immediately follow teletype by LHM (or report if appropriate) suitable for dissemination.
- 6) Insure WFO advised of USA's prosecutive opinion as soon as possible so that USSS may be telephonically advised of this.



WFO 9-3184

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. Telephonically notify USSS  
of prosecutive opinion of USA upon receipt from the Office  
of Origin.

Recorded  
3/29/73

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NO X LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:

SENATOR KENNEDY-VICTIM  
JACQUILINE ONASIS-VICTIM  
CORRETTA KING-VICTIM  
00: BH

File # **9-55692-1**  
Lab.# D-780828002 JC

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Examination requested by: WFO (9-3184) A 3/26/73

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 3/27/73

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:

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Examination requested by:

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Examination by:

# MESSAGE RELAY

Date 4-3-73Transmit in Plaintext via teletype the attached Urgent message.  
(plaintext or code) (priority)

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FROM: Director, FBI

FIELD DISSEMINATION

TO:

RUEADWW/ ☐ The President

SACS:

RUEADWW/ ☐ The Vice President☐ Att.: \_\_\_\_\_RUEADWW/ ☐ White House Situation Room☐ Att.: \_\_\_\_\_RUEHOC/ ☐ Secretary of StateRUEAHIX/ ☐ Director, CIARUEKJCS/ ☐ Director, Defense Intelligence Agency☐ and National Indications Center

LEGATS:

RUEACSI/ ☐ Department of the ArmyRUEBGFA/ ☐ Department of the Air Force (AFOSI)RUEOLKN/ ☐ Naval Investigative ServiceRUEADSS/ ☒ U. S. Secret Service (PID)RUEBWJA/ ☐ Attorney General (☐ By messenger)RUEBWJA/ ☐ Deputy Attorney General (☐ By messenger)RUEBWJA/ ☐ Internal Security Division (DOJ)RUEBWJA/ ☐ Immigration & Naturalization ServiceRUEADWS/ ☐ National Security Agency (DIRNSA/NSOC (Att.: SOO))☐  
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Classification: (Classify if to other than Bureau Office)

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SUBJECT: See attached

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(Text of message begins on next page.)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE GXMAIL ROOM ☐TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Baker \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Cleveland \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Gebhardt \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Harrington \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ms. Herwig \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mintz \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mrs. Neenan \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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| Mr. Thompson     |  |
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| Mr. Armstrong    |  |
| Mr. Ewers        |  |
| Mr. Hargrett     |  |
| Mr. Harbo        |  |
| Mr. Miller       |  |
| Mr. Rosen        |  |

NR009 PM PLAIN

500 PM 4-2-73 URGENT R J C

TO ACTING DIRECTOR (9- )

WFO (9-3124)

FROM PHILADELPHIA (9-3960) (P)

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*EDWARD MOORE*

~~CHANGED~~ [REDACTED] SENATOR KENNEDY - VICTIM; JACQUELINE

~~ONASSIS~~ - VICTIM; CORRETTA KING - VICTIM; OO: PHILADELPHIA.

TITLE MARKED CHANGED TO REFLECT SUBJECT'S NAME AS

[REDACTED] FORMERLY CARRIED AS [REDACTED]

RE WASHINGTON FIELD AIRTEL TO BUREAU, 3-26-73.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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AUSA, EDPA., DECLINED PROSECUTION DUE TO LONG HISTORY  
OF LETTER WRITING [REDACTED]  
WITH NO INDICATION OF OVERT ACTS OR HARMFUL OR AGGRESSIVE  
ACTIVITY.

~~WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE TELEPHONICALLY NOTIFY US SECRET SERVICE  
OF PROSECUTIVE OPINION. LHM FOLLOWS.~~

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FBI

Date: 4/3/73

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Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (9-3660) (C)

SUBJECT:   
 SENATOR KENNEDY - VICTIM;  
 JACQUELINE ONASSIS - VICTIM;  
 CORETTA KING - VICTIM  
 OO: PHILADELPHIA

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Re Philadelphia teletype to Bureau 4/2/73.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and three  
 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. Enclosed to  
 WFO are two copies of the LHM.

One copy of the LHM has been designated to the  
 AUSA, EDPA.

If not already done, WFO may desire to furnish  
 AUSA's prosecutive opinion to U. S. Secret Service.

4-Bureau (Enc. 4) **ENCLOSURE**  
 2-WFO (Enc. 2) (9-3184)  
 2-Philadelphia (9-3660)

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cc: SS  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Government Printing Office



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

April 3, 1973

[REDACTED]  
SENATOR KENNEDY - VICTIM;  
JACQUELINE ONASSIS - VICTIM;  
CORRETTA KING - VICTIM

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Numerous communications postmarked Chester, Pa., and dated from January 27, 1973, to February 23, 1973, from [REDACTED] were received by the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They were received on March 16, 1973, from Special Agent in Charge Gary M. McLeod, Liaison Division, U. S. Secret Service, 1800 G Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., by letter to Washington Field Office.

The writer of these letters expressed an interest in Senator Kennedy, Jacqueline Onassis, and Corretta King and commented that the president did not want him to kill these individuals. The writer signed the letters, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The following individuals were advised of threats made by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] U. S. Capitol Police,  
Washington, D. C.;

[REDACTED] Intelligence Division,  
Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C.

Investigation by the FBI in Chester, Pa., on March 28, 1973, determined that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

9 - 556922  
ENCLOSURE

[REDACTED]  
SENATOR KENNEDY - VICTIM;  
JACQUELINE ONASSIS - VICTIM;  
CORRETTA KING - VICTIM

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has no local arrest record and is unknown to the Police Department in Chester. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] is not dangerous or violent, and has no firearms or dangerous weapons. He is a prolific letter writer [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

On April 2, 1973, the facts involved in this matter were discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney John F. Penrose, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of obtaining a prosecutive opinion. Mr. Penrose declined authorization of prosecution based upon investigation to date reflecting a long history of such activity by the subject. There was no indication of any overt acts and no local arrest record. It was noted that he has been a prolific letter writer without any known harmful or aggressive activity. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Attached are results of interviews concerning [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

APR 02 1973

TELETYPE

NR009 PM FLAIN

500 PM 4-2-73 URGENT R J C

TO ACTING DIRECTOR (9- )

WFO (9-3184)

FROM PHILADELPHIA (9-3660) (P)

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| Mr. Mintz        | _____ |
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CHANGED: [REDACTED] SENATOR KENNEDY - VICTIM; JACQUELINE  
ONASSIS - VICTIM; CORRETTA KING - VICTIM; OO: PHILADELPHIA.

TITLE MARKED CHANGED TO REFLECT SUBJECT'S NAME AS

[REDACTED] FORMERLY CARRIED AS [REDACTED]

RE WASHINGTON FIELD AIRTEL TO BUREAU, 3-26-73.

END PAGE ONE

23 APR 24 1973

4/3, vice's made for  
relay to [unclear]  
[unclear]

50 APR 30 1973

Advised 4-12-73 [unclear]

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AUSA, EDPA., DECLINED PROSECUTION DUE TO LONG HISTORY  
OF LETTER WRITING [REDACTED]  
WITH NO INDICATION OF OVERT ACTS OR HARMFUL OR AGGRESSIVE  
ACTIVITY.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE TELEPHONICALLY NOTIFY US SECRET SERVICE  
OF PROSECUTIVE OPINION. LHM FOLLOWS.

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FBI

Date: 9/16/71

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (9-NEW)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka  
ALEXANDROS DEAS,  
Alexander;  
MRS. CORETTA KING, aka  
Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. -  
VICTIM  
EXTORTION - RM

OO: ATLANTA

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Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and a xerox copy of a 2-page letter, undated, written to CORETTA COON and signed ALEXANDER. Also enclosed for the Bureau is the original and a copy of an envelope addressed to Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, postmarked 9/6/71, Pembroke, N. C., with the return name ALEXANDROS DEAS. Copies of the above are also enclosed for Charlotte.

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Atlanta conducting preliminary investigation.

2-Bureau (Enc. 2)  
2-Charlotte (Enc. 1)  
2-Atlanta  
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ENCLOSURE

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

SEP 28 1971

Per \_\_\_\_\_

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9/22/71  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
**NO LAB FILE**

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka Alexander;  
J. EDGAR HOOVER - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION

File #

Lab. # D-710922020 AV

9- 53308 - //

[redacted] aka Alexander; AFO

Examination requested by: Charlotte (9-2302) Airtel 9/17/71

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 9/22/71

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

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*Returned  
9/24/71  
CSP*

Specimens submitted for examination

K1 Envelope and letter bearing writings of [redacted]

RETURN EVIDENCE

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Date: 9/21/71

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (9-2303)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka  
ALEXANDROS DEAS,  
Alexander;  
Mrs. CORETTA KING, aka  
Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., -  
VICTIM  
EXTORTION - RM

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(CHARLOTTE FILE: 9-2303)  
(OO: ATLANTA)

UNSUB, aka  
Alexander;  
J. EDGAR HOOVER - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

(CHARLOTTE FILE: 9-2302)  
(OO: CHARLOTTE)

[REDACTED] aka  
Alexander  
AFO

(BUFILE: 89-1933)  
(CHARLOTTE FILE: 89-94)  
(OO: CHARLOTTE)

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 9/16/71. Also re  
Charlotte nitel to Bureau, 9/16/71, and Charlotte airtel  
to Bureau, 9/17/71, both communication entitled [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] aka, AFO."

- 4 - Bureau  
2 - Atlanta  
5 - Charlotte (2-9-2303)  
(2 - 89-94)  
(1 - 9-2302)

TBM:mpb

5 OCT 7 1971

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

CE 9-2303

It is requested that the handwriting on the letter addressed to Mrs. KING be compared with the handwriting in the letter addressed to Director HOOVER and that the handwriting samples of [ ] which were forwarded to the Bureau on 9/17/71, by Charlotte also be compared with the letter addressed to Mrs. KING.

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It is also requested that a legible copy of Mrs. KING's letter be forwarded to the Charlotte Division inasmuch as the one received from Atlanta is partially illegible.

Investigation continuing.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><b>UNSUB, aka<br/>Alexandros Deas,<br/>Alexander;<br/>MRS. CORETTA KING, aka<br/>Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. -<br/>VICTIM</b> |                                    | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>SA [REDACTED]</b>     | TYPED BY<br><b>wjb</b>                      |
|   |                                    | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>EXTORTION - EM</b> |   |

REFERENCE: Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 9/16/71.

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Will report the results of the examination of the FBI Laboratory and Identification Division when received from the Bureau.

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AT 9-2127

ADMINISTRATIVE:

A copy of this report has been sent to the Charlotte Division for information purposes inasmuch as investigation is being conducted by Charlotte.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-USA, Atlanta, Georgia

Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: September 22, 1971

Office: ATLANTA

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Field Office File #: 9-2127

Bureau File #:

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT,  
Alexandros Deas;  
MRS. CORETTA KING -  
VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION - EXTREMIST MATTERS

Synopsis: Letter postmarked Pembroke, North Carolina, 9/6/71, sent to Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Atlanta, Ga.; a letter which contains obscene statements indicating that writer will "slit your womb out before I kill you in Washington" and "I'll kill your family before your eyes." DORA McDONALD, Personal Secretary to CORETTA KING, received letter and did not show it to Mrs. KING. She made letter available to FBI. McDONALD has no suspects.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon the receipt of a letter in the Atlanta Division on September 16, 1971. This letter was sent to the Atlanta Division of the FBI by DORA McDONALD, Secretary to Mrs. CORETTA KING.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

September 24, 1971

Date

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On September 16, 1971, a letter was received by mail at the Atlanta Office of the FBI in an envelope addressed to the FBI, Atlanta, Georgia. The envelope directed to the FBI contained a letter addressed to "Mrs. Martin Luther King (Coon), Atlanta University of Jews and Niggers, Atlanta, Georgia (Jew. A.)." The envelope bears return address "Alexander Deas" and bears postmark "Pembroke, North Carolina."

The letter enclosed in the envelope begins "Coretta Coon, . . ." and is signed "Alexander." It contains obscenities and a threat to kill the recipient of the letter.

Mrs. DORA McDONALD telephonically advised that she is Personal Secretary to Mrs. CORETTA KING, the recipient of this letter, and stated that she had opened the letter and then forwarded it to the FBI by mail in view of the threatening nature of the letter.

9/16/71 Atlanta, Georgia Atlanta 9-2127  
On \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ File # \_\_\_\_\_  
SA [redacted] /wjb 9/20/71 b6  
by \_\_\_\_\_ Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_ b7C

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

September 22, 1971

Date

Mrs. DORA McDONALD was contacted telephonically and stated she wished to furnish information telephonically. She added that she is a personal secretary to Mrs. CORETTA KING and was formerly the secretary of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., deceased, former President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Miss McDONALD stated that sometime around September 8 or 9, a letter was received addressed to Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and the envelope contained a reference to Jews and Niggers. She opened this letter and noted that it contained threats and obscene language. She stated that she showed this letter to Rev. ANDREW YOUNG, an official of the Southern Leadership Conference, and YOUNG suggested that the letter be made available to the FBI.

The letter begins "Coretta Coon" and contains numerous obscene references to her and her deceased husband. The letter also stated "I'm going to slit your womb out before I kill you in Washington some 20 years from now, Coretta Coon, then I'll kill your family before your eyes." The letter also makes reference to the Ku Klux Klan and also contains the statement "You will die, Coretta Coon - because we will kill all the Goddam Jews and Niggers." Miss McDONALD stated that Mrs. KING receives numerous crank letters, including letters offering proposals of marriage. She stated that she did not even let Mrs. KING read this letter and that Mrs. KING is not aware of the identity of anyone who would write such a letter. Miss McDONALD added that neither she nor ANDREW YOUNG has any suspects.

Complainant

DORA McDONALD

Miss McDONALD stated that the letter was handed by her and by ANDREW YOUNG and no one else. She stated her full name is DORA EDITH McDONALD and she was born July 16, 1925 in Gracelyville, South Carolina. She worked for the United States Government in Washington, D. C., in 1944 and 1945. ANDREW YOUNG's full name is ANDREW JACKSON YOUNG and he was born March 12, 1912, in New Orleans, Louisiana. He has had several arrests in connection with racial demonstrations.

OFFICIAL OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On 9/20/71 Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 9-2127

by SA [redacted] /wjb

Date dictated 9/22/71

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AT 9-2127

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Miss McDONALD furnished the following description  
of Mrs. CORETTA KING:

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| Name      | Mrs. CORETTA KING, also known<br>as Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. |
| Sex       | Female   |
| Race      | Negro  |
| Born      | April 27, 1927, in Heiberger,<br>Alabama                         |
| Height    | 5'4 1/2"   |
| Hair      | Black  |
| Eyes      | Brown  |
| Residence | 234 Sunset Avenue, Northwest,<br>Atlanta, Georgia 30314          |

9-27-71

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

NITEL

TO SAC'S, ATLANTA  
CHARLOTTE (9-2302)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (89-1933)

UNSUB, AKA ALEXANDROS DEAS, ALEXANDER; MRS. CORETTA KING,  
AKA MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM; EXTORTION - RM,  
RE ATLANTA AIRTEL SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN.

UNSUB, AKA ALEXANDER; J. EDGAR HOOVER - VICTIM; EXTORTION.  
RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPES SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN.

LATENT PRINT ON Q TWO, LETTER, PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN REPORT  
TO CHARLOTTE DATED SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN, AND LATENT PRINTS ON Q FOUR,  
LETTER SUBMITTED WITH ATLANTA AIRTEL SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN, IDENTICAL



CONFIRMING.

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SA [redacted]

Rm 5718 JB

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Brennan, C.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Dalbey \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Ponder \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Walters \_\_\_\_\_  
Soyars \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Ingram \_\_\_\_\_

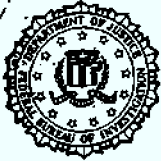
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

## LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO.

89-1933

A-42220

September 30, 1971

TO: SAC, Atlanta

RE:

UNSUB., AKA  
ALEXANDROS, AKA ALEXANDER  
MRS. CORETTA KING, AKA - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION - RM

EX-102

REFERENCE: Atlanta airtel 9-16-71 and Charlotte teletypes  
9-15-71 and 9-16-71

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Atlanta and Charlotte

SPECIMENS: Q3, envelope  
Q4 and Q5, two-page letter

REC-24

OCT 7 1971

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12-7-71  
DRWBS  
H4 INU  
DTP/S

This report supplements and confirms teletype  
to Atlanta and Charlotte dated 9-27-71.

Listed Q specimens described in separate  
Laboratory report.

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SEP 30 1971

FBI

Nine latent fingerprints and one latent palm  
print of value developed on Q3, Q4 and Q5.

Six latent fingerprints not identical finger-  
prints of [redacted]

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Brennan, C.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Dalbey \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Walters \_\_\_\_\_  
Soyars \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

This is only  
arrest record located Identification Division files for  
[redacted] has been assigned FBI [redacted] No palm

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

Charlotte (9-2302)

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TELETYPE UNIT ☐

SAC, Atlanta

September 30, 1971

prints available Identification Division files for

See attached pages for results of comparisons of three other latent fingerprints mentioned above and one latent fingerprint previously reported on Q2, latter. Latent print on Q2 previously reported in Latent Fingerprint Section report to Charlotte dated 9-17-71, Charlotte file #9-2302.

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Specimens enclosed.

Should testimony of one of our fingerprint experts be requested in trial of this case, a set of fingerprints of  recorded and signed by an individual who will be available to testify, should be submitted prior to or at time of request.

FBI File No. 89-1933  
Latent Case No. A-42220

September 30, 1971

RE: [REDACTED]

FBI [REDACTED]

Three latent fingerprints developed on Q4,  
the first page of a letter beginning "Coretta Coon,  
Are you still," have been identified as finger impressions  
of [REDACTED]

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FBI, Charlotte File No. 9-2382  
FBI File No. 89-1933  
Latent Case No. A-42220

September 30, 1971

RE:

FBI

One latent fingerprint previously reported  
on Q2, letter beginning "Hoover, I think I have" and  
signed [redacted] has been identified as a finger  
impression of [redacted]

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Recorded: 9-27-71 3:30 p.m. -sjb.

Received: 9-27-71

Recorded  
9-20-71  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

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Re: UNSUB, aka ALEXANDROS DEAS, Alexander  
MRS. CORETTA KING aka ~~Mrs. Martin Luther King~~  
~~King, Jr.~~ - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION - RM

File # 89-1933  
Lab. # D-710920071 AV  
LC.# A-42756  
A-42220

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cc: Atlanta

Examination requested by:

Atlanta (9-New) (A. 9-16-71) ATLANTA Also reference CE teletypes of 9-15-71 + 9-16-71

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 9-20-71

Result of Examination:

No hits I

Specs to Photo NIN 9-27 WAB

3 lat header NIN Q4 & (all) #6 lrs

Noted By:

1 lat fp prev rep on Q2 letter beginning "However, I think I have" and signed [redacted] p #6 fp [redacted] 9-27 WAB

Lat put on Q2 prev rep in LFPS rep to CE of 9-17-71, CE file 9-2302

Called DIV 6, SA [redacted] + DIV 1, SA [redacted] WAB 9-27

Specimens submitted for examination (over)

Q3 Envelope postmarked "PEMBROKE, NC SEP 6 AM 1971 28372," bearing handwritten address "Mrs. Martin Luther King (COON) ~~REDACTED~~ of Jews and Niggers Atlanta, Georgia (Jew.A.)"

Q4 First page of two page yellow lined <sup>LETTER</sup> paper beginning "Coretta Coon, Do you still?"

Q5 Second page of two page yellow lined <sup>LETTER</sup> paper beginning "In full..." and signed "Alexander"

2cc CE 9-2302

Teletype sent AT+CE 9-27 WAB

Examination completed

9:15 PM Time

9-28 Date

Dictated 9-28 Date

1 lat fp val der on back on outside Q3 - not p [redacted] 9-28 WAB  
5 add. lat fps val der on Q4 - not p [redacted]  
1 lat pp val der on Q5 - no pps avail [redacted]  
No add lats 5N

Specs returned incl 9-28 WAB

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[redacted] assigned FBI # [redacted] 9-28 WAB  
Set of fpr [redacted] should be subm if testimony desired  
Only arrest record [redacted] located Ident files shows arrest  
[redacted]



9/16/71

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (9-NEW)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka  
ALEXANDROS DEAS,  
Alexander;  
MRS. CORETTA KING, aka  
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VICTIM  
EXTORTION - RM

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Atlanta conducting preliminary investigation.

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2-Charlotte (Enc. 1)  
2-Atlanta  
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Teletype sent 9/27/71  
89-1933

Rec'd 9/16/71  
D-710970011



Recorded  
9-30-71  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NO LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: **UNSUB, aka ALEXANDROS DEAS, Alexander  
MRS. CORETTA KING aka Mrs. Martin Luther  
King, Jr. - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION - RM**

File #

Lab. # **D-710820071 AV**

cc: Atlanta

Examination requested by: **Atlanta (9-New) (A. 9-18-71)**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

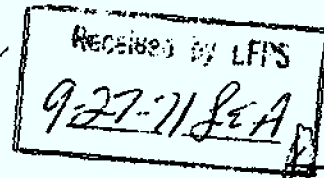
Date received: **9-30-71**

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

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*Spec's examined  
LFPS + w to  
cont 9/27/71 LCV*



Specimens submitted for examination

- REMBRIKE*
- Q3 Envelope postmarked **"MEMPHIS, NC SEP 6 AM 1971 28372"** bearing handwritten address **"Mrs. Martin Luther King"** **"~~MEMPHIS-MISSISSIPPI~~ of Jews and Niggers Atlanta, Georgia (Jew.A.)"**
- Q4 First page of two page yellow lined paper beginning **"Coretta Coon, Do you still?"**
- Q5 Second page of two page yellow lined paper beginning **"In ..."** and signed **"Alexandria"**

ENCLOSURES FOR BUREAU

Original & xerox copy of 2-page letter, undated, written to CORETTA COON and signed ALEXANDER;

Original and copy of envelope addressed to Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, postmarked 9/6/71, Pembroke, N. C., with return name ALEXANDROS DEAS.

Via Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 9/16/71.

UNSUB, aka  
ALEXANDROS DEAS,  
Alexander;  
MRS. CORETTA KING, aka  
Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. -  
VICTIM  
EXTORTION - RM

OO: ATLANTA

AT 9-NEW

ENCLOSURE

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Alexandros Doos



Mrs. Martin Luther King (Coa)  
~~Atlanta University of Jews and Niggers~~  
Atlanta, Georgia (Jew. A.)

D-710920071 Q3 AV

Coretta Coon,

Do you still spend your mornings and get your shit  
before breakfast, Coretta Coon? Your husband, the  
criminally insane little dick-sucking son-of-a-  
bitch, Martin Luther Coon, always did. Isn't that  
how he won his Nobel Peace Prize, Coretta Coon?

Admit you didn't love your little queer husband,  
Coretta Coon? You wanted to be fucked by real  
men — like the white boys, like me, Coretta Coon. But  
I don't fuck black bitches and subhuman nigger  
whores like you — do I, Coretta Coon?

Everybody knows about those Klan fuck films of your  
queer husband, Martin Luther Coon, trying to blow  
me off at Harvard for this. But I can't get a  
hard on in a nigger mouth, Coretta Coon.

I'm going to slit your womb out before I kill  
you in Washington some twenty years from now,  
Coretta Coon. Then I'll kill your family before  
your eyes. I'll shit their nigger dicks off before  
your eyes before I shoot them, Coretta Coon. I'll  
kill Martin Luther Coon's little half-nigger hos-  
tard son Sam and shit his dick off and make you  
eat his bloody nigger-dick. The Ku Klux Klan,



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in full Regalia, in memory of Bobby, Betty, and Dolly,  
will march you Martin Luther King family naked, in  
chains, down Pennsylvania Avenue. The Klan will  
render the King family to the cousins cousins.  
Then we'll hang the King family naked, upside down,  
from telephone poles in Washington, D.C., while  
"Axiety plans, and while the Confederate flag flies.

We want, Corretta King. The Klan, the South, and an  
Nazi pole, and the new Communist Party, cruci-  
fied the Jews and niggers of Washington, D.C.  
You will die, Corretta King — because we will  
kill all the god damn Jews and niggers

How could a white boy ever pick a nigger  
who's like you, Corretta King?

Alexander



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| TITLE OF CASE<br><b>Alexandros Deas,<br/>Alexander;<br/>Mrs. CORETTA KING, aka<br/>Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. -<br/>VICTIM</b> |                                    | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>SA [redacted]</b>     | TYPED BY<br><b>dal</b>                          |
|  |                                    | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>EXTORTION - EM</b> | <b>36</b>                                       |

**REFERENCES:** Atlanta report of SA [redacted] 9/22/71.  
Bureau airtels to Atlanta, 9/24/71 and 9/30/71.  
Atlanta airtel to Charlotte, 10/27/71.  
Charlotte letter to Atlanta, 11/29/71.

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**LEADS:****CHARLOTTE DIVISION**

**AT RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA.**

Will report results of investigation of [redacted]

**ATLANTA DIVISION**

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Will upon completion of investigation at Charlotte,  
discuss matter with appropriate U. S. Attorney.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Atlanta, Georgia

Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: December 16, 1971

Office: Atlanta, Georgia

Field Office File #: 9-2127

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b7cTitle: [REDACTED]  
Mrs. CORETTA KING - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION - EXTREMIST MATTERS

Synopsis: FBI Laboratory advised on 9/24/71 that a definite conclusion was not reached as to whether handwriting on letter addressed to Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING from Pembroke, N. C. postmarked 9/6/71 was identical to the handwriting of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] FBI Identification Division advised on 9/28/71 that latent fingerprints developed on the above letter were identified as fingerprints of [REDACTED] AUSA, NDGA, Atlanta, Ga., requested information and details of [REDACTED] prior to rendering a prosecutive opinion. FBI, Charlotte Division advised arrangements being made to interview subject at Raleigh, N. C.

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DETAILS:

By teletype dated September 28, 1971, the FBI Identification Division advised that latent fingerprints developed on a letter submitted by the Atlanta Office of the FBI addressee to Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING from Pembroke, North Carolina, postmarked September 6, 1971, were identical to prints for [REDACTED].

By letter dated September 24, 1971, the FBI Laboratory advised that a definite conclusion was not reached as to whether the handwriting on a letter submitted by the Atlanta Division which was addressed to Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING in Atlanta, Georgia, from Pembroke, North Carolina, postmarked September 6, 1971, was prepared by [REDACTED] because of the lack of a sufficient amount of comparable handwriting of [REDACTED]. Also, a comparison could

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not be made because the writing on the known writing of [redacted] is more of a broken type script than the writing on the examined document.

It was noted that the envelope containing the letter written to Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING was similar to envelopes previously submitted by the Charlotte Office which envelope had all observable physical features with the previously submitted envelopes in connection with an investigation being conducted by the Charlotte Office concerning a letter directed to J. EDGAR HOOVER of the FBI. Also, it was noted that sheets of paper used to prepare the handwriting on the above letter were similar with sheets of yellow paper used to prepare the handwriting in the previous submitted evidence by the Charlotte Division.

By letter dated September 30, 1971, the FBI Identification Division advised that latent fingerprints developed on the letter addressed to Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING at Atlanta, Georgia, postmarked Pembroke, North Carolina, have been identified as finger impressions of [redacted]

[redacted]

On October 26, 1971, Assistant U. S. Attorney ANTHONY M. ARNOLD, Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia, was furnished information pertaining to the FBI Laboratory and Identification Division reports. Mr. ARNOLD was advised that latent fingerprints developed on the letter to Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING at Atlanta, Georgia, were positively identified with fingerprints of [redacted]. Mr. ARNOLD requested that information pertaining to [redacted]

[redacted]

be ascertained. Mr. ARNOLD stated that at the present time he was leaning toward a declination regarding this matter in view of [redacted] however, he preferred to know the present status of the subject [redacted] prior to rendering a prosecutive opinion.

By letter dated November 29, 1971, the Charlotte Office advised that arrangements were being made with [redacted] to interview subject [redacted]

On December 14, 1971, Assistant U. S. Attorney ANTHONY

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M. ARNOLD, Atlanta, Georgia, was advised that efforts are  
being made to interview [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><b>MRS. CORETTA KING, aka - VICTIM</b> |                                    | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>SA [redacted]</b>     | TYPED BY<br><b>jh</b>                            |
|   |                                    | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>EXTORTION - EM</b> |  |

REFERENCE:

Atlanta report of SA [redacted] 12/16/71;  
Charlotte letters to Atlanta, 12/15/71, and  
1/19/72.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The lengthy period of this report is noted, however, information contained in this report was not received by the Atlanta Division in sufficient time to be incorporated into referenced Atlanta report.

This matter has been maintained in a current status by the Atlanta Division by intraoffice communications.

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Agent to whom this case is assigned has also been assigned to expedite investigation at the Atlanta Division concerning Atlanta file 184-9, entitled "UNSUB; WILLIAM DAVID CORN, DeKALB COUNTY, GA., POLICE OFFICER - VICTIM, 2/1/72, POLICE KILLING, OO: Atlanta; Bufile 184-60".

LEADS:

ATLANTA:

AT ATLANTA, GA.:

Will follow and report prosecution regarding this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: 3/6/72

Office: ATLANTA

Field Office File #: AT 9-2127

Bureau File #:

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b7CTitle: [REDACTED]  
MRS. CORETTA KING -  
VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION - EXTREMIST MATTERS

Synopsis: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] interviewed and admitted writing a letter to Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING in which he made threats against her life, however, he could not add any further information concerning this letter. AUSA, NDGA, Atlanta, Ga., withholding prosecutive opinion pending review of all reports regarding this matter and other letters written by subject.

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ENCLOSURES:TO U. S. ATTORNEY, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA,  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA:

Enclosed for U. S. Attorney, Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta, is one copy each of Charlotte reports of SA [REDACTED] dated October 22, 1971; December 15, 1971; and January 19, 1972.

DETAILS:



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Date of transcription 11/29/71

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[redacted] was interviewed [redacted]  
[redacted] in the presence of [redacted]  
[redacted]

He read a form containing his certain rights and signed the form. Since it appeared he did not read the form entirely before signing it, he was again requested to read it which he did again and thereafter his rights were orally explained to him.

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In reference to a letter written to CORETTA KING, the widow of MARTIN LUTHER KING, he advised he has written one letter to CORETTA KING sometime ago and recalls specifically making threats against her or her life in that letter and further that at the time he wrote the letter, he realized that he was making threats against the life of CORETTA KING. He specifically recalls that he signed this letter ALEXANDER.

He could offer no additional pertinent information concerning this matter.

He is aware that it is a violation of Federal Law to write a letter and mail same in which is contained a threat against the life of an individual. He could offer no additional pertinent information concerning this letter he wrote to CORETTA KING and stated that he has been previously fingerprinted

[redacted]

He was also fingerprinted [redacted]  
[redacted]

He said he feels sure these fingerprints cards are on file with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has extensive information concerning him.

He furnished the following descriptive data:

Interviewed on 11/23/71 at Raleigh, N. C. File # CE 9-2302

by SA [redacted] dit Date dictated 11/24/71

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Name:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Date of Birth:  
Place of Birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Hair:  
Eyes:  
Complexion:

[REDACTED]

White

Male

[REDACTED]

5 feet 8 inches

165 pounds

Blond

Blue

Pale - light.

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On January 11, 1972, SA [ ] was contacted at Raleigh, North Carolina, at which time he advised [ ]

On January 27, 1972, Assistant U. S. Attorney J. OWEN FORRESTER, Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta, advised that captioned matter would in all probability be handled by Mr. E. RAY TAYLOR, JR., of this office.

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Mr. TAYLOR on January 27, 1972, was furnished information concerning [ ] and that subject had admitted writing a threatening letter to Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING. Mr. TAYLOR advised that as of that date, he had not had sufficient time to review this matter but would review same and render a decision. Mr. TAYLOR requested that all investigation pertaining to [ ] activities and prior threatening letters written by [ ] be furnished to him in order that he could render an opinion concerning this matter.

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><b>[redacted] aka;<br/>Mrs. CORETTA KING, aka -<br/>VICTIM</b> |                                    | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>SA [redacted]</b>         | TYPED BY<br><b>jh</b>                         |
|   |                                    | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>EXTORTION - EM</b> |   |

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Atlanta report of SA [redacted] 3/6/72;  
 Atlanta letter to Charlotte, 4/4/72 (Interoffice);  
 Charlotte letter to Atlanta, 5/4/72 (Interoffice).

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LEADS:ATLANTA:AT ATLANTA, GA.:

Will discuss matter with AUSA, NDGA, Atlanta, regarding  
 prosecutive opinion.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]

Office: ATLANTA

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Title:

[REDACTED]  
MRS. CORETTA KING -  
VICTIMb6  
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Character: EXTORTION - EXTREMIST MATTERS

Synopsis: AUSA, Atlanta, Ga... requested further information regarding

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] writing letters against  
HOOVER and the FBI. [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

On March 30, 1972, Assistant U. S. Attorney E. RAY TAYLOR, JR., Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia, advised he was in the process of reviewing captioned matter and reports concerning subject's threats against FBI Director J. EDGAR HOOVER and Assistant Director JAMES H. GALE. Mr. TAYLOR advised at this time he was unable to reach a decision concerning prosecution of the subject due to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mr. TAYLOR requested information concerning subject's current status [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mr. TAYLOR also requested that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mr. TAYLOR also requested any recommendation made by [REDACTED] be made available to him, particularly if the subject [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by the Charlotte Office:



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| TITLE OF CASE<br><b>[redacted] aka;<br/>Mrs. CORETTA KING, aka -<br/>VICTIM</b> |                                    | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>SA [redacted]</b>         | TYPED BY<br><b>jh</b>                         |
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REFERENCE: Atlanta report of SA [redacted] 5/18/72.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]

Office: ATLANTA

Date: 7/24/72

Field Office File #: AT 9-2127

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Title: [REDACTED]

MRS. CORETTA KING -  
VICTIMb6  
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Character: EXTORTION - EXTREMIST MATTERS

Synopsis: AUSA, NDGA, Atlanta, Ga., declined prosecution in view of  
[REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

On July 21, 1972, Assistant U. S. Attorney E. RAY TAYLOR, JR., Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia, advised after careful review of [REDACTED] report concerning [REDACTED] he would decline prosecution of [REDACTED] in the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta, due to [REDACTED] and due to the fact that prosecution had also been declined at Raleigh, North Carolina, in which district other letters were written of the same nature.

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A self-styled former exalted cyclops in the Ku Klux Klan has been sentenced in state courts to two prison terms to be served concurrently with the 90-day sentence he received in federal court.

William M. Aitcheson, 22, told Judge Solomon Liss he was "very sorry to have caused this trouble," adding, "I'm confident it won't happen again." Judge Liss sentenced him to 30 days in jail and four years of probation.

Aitcheson pleaded guilty to two firearms charges in Howard County Circuit Court yesterday and to a cross burning charge in Prince Georges County Circuit Court earlier.

The former University of Maryland

student was sentenced in federal court to 90 days in a jail or psychiatric treatment center for mailing a letter threatening to kill Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., widow of the slain civil rights leader, if she spoke at the university campus.

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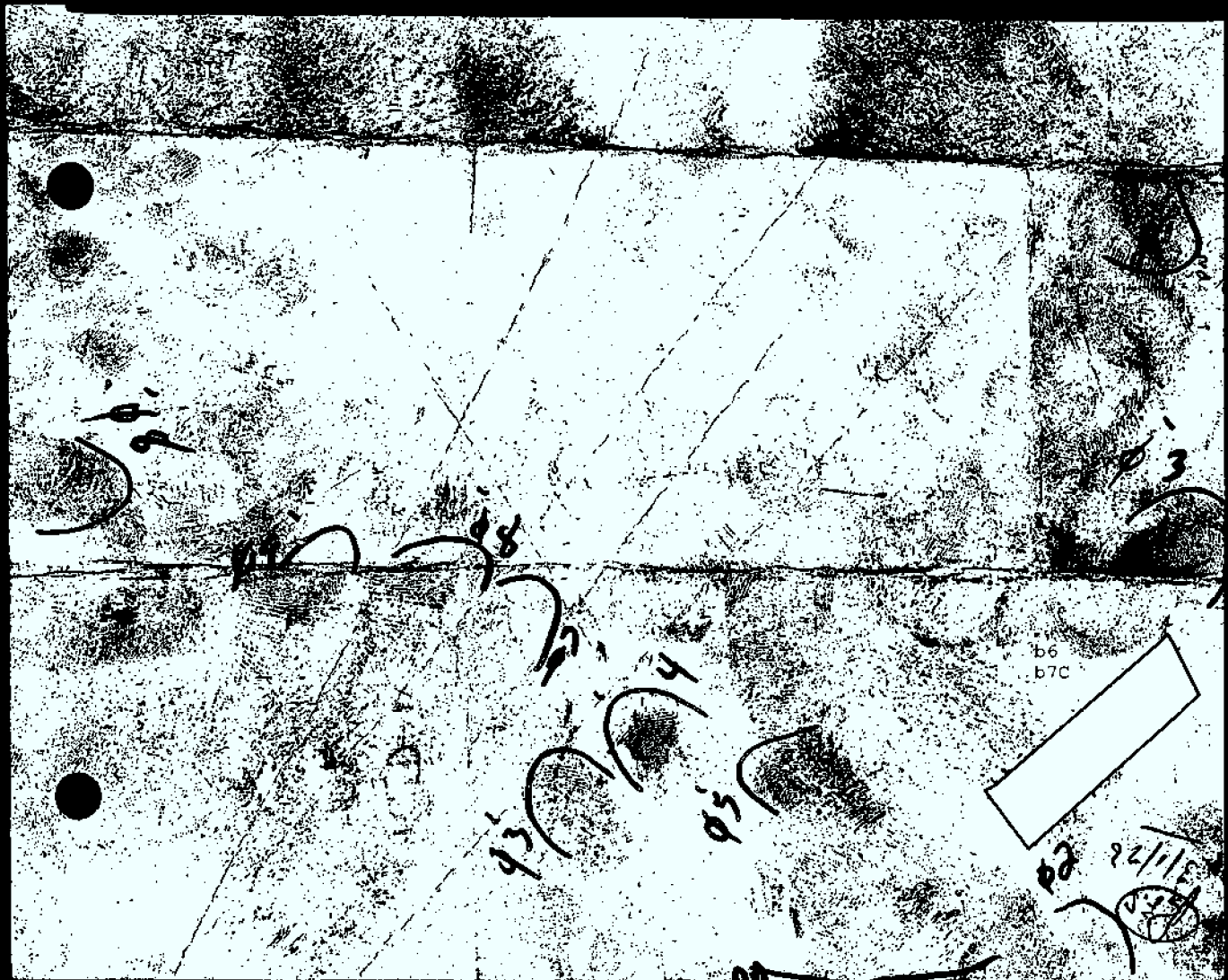


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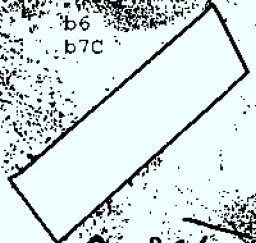
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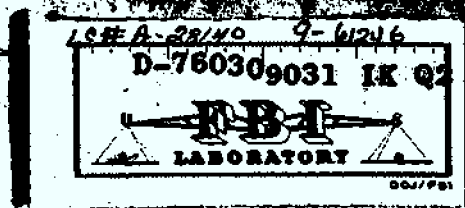
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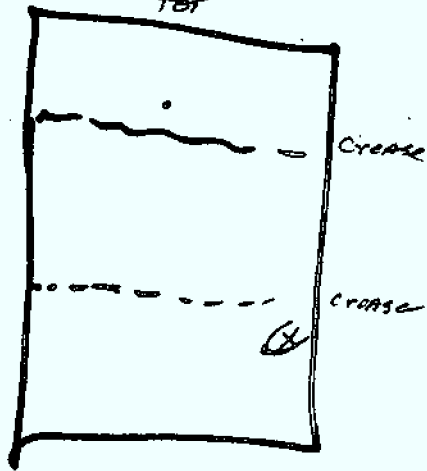


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D-760309031 IK Q2  
**FBI**  
LABORATORY

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Letter beginning "Dear"   
I SAW YOU RECENTLY - - - "

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3/11/76  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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3/5/76

To: SAC, Atlanta (9-2573)

UNSUB;  
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
THREATENING LETTER TO  
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM;  
Re: EXTORTION

FBI FILE NO.

9-61245

LAB. NO.

D-760308012 PN

YOUR NO.

D760312003 PN

OO: Baltimore

Examination by:

Examination requested by: Atlanta

Reference: Airtels dated 3/2/76 + 3/9/76

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received: 3/5/76

Q1 Envelope bearing address Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING,  
234 Sunset Av. N.W., Atlanta, Georgia

Q2 Accompanying one-page letter made up of cut-out newsprint  
~~postmarked 2/29/76, Maryland~~ beginning "Stay off...."

2 - BALTIMORE

Q1 & Q2 ALF neg; +

TW most closely resembles line style used on SC TW.

Q1 & 3 stamps from coil or coils  
as ind. was etc.

Temp. ext. photos

TF / ext. w. lifts.

2 - Balt.

See Solent ALF - 56 lab standard 1252, 254 approx, 1400 section,  
NOWM or handwritten Mm.

FBI

Date: 3/2/76

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

Via \_\_\_\_\_

(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(Attn: FBI Laboratory)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (9-2573) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB,  
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
THREATENING LETTER TO  
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM  
EXTORTION - *Racial Matter*  
(OO: BALTIMORE)

Q-1+2

760308012

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and 3 Xerox copies of a threatening letter (made up of cut-out newsprint) and accompanying envelope addressed to Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING, 234 Sunset Avenue, N.W., Atlanta, Ga. The letter is postmarked 2/29/76, Maryland.

Two (2) copies of this letter and accompanying envelope are being enclosed for Baltimore as office of origin.

The contents of the letter instructed Mrs. KING to stay off the University of Maryland Campus or she would die. The letter was signed the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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MCT-26

9-61245

The letter and envelope was received 3/1/76 from Mrs. KING's Secretary, Miss DORA McDONALD, Room 327, Old Post Office Building, Atlanta, Ga., telephone #688-8207. Miss McDONALD stated that she handled the envelope and letter. Miss McDONALD is a Negro female, born 7/16/25, at Greeleyville, South Carolina. She has been previously fingerprinted, according to her admission, under the Summer Intern Program.

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b7c

- 3-Bureau (Enc. 4)  
2-Baltimore (Enc. 2)  
2-Atlanta  
RFS:wbf  
(7)

ENCLOSURE  
KING BA  
Handle as Extortion  
Racial Matter. Submit  
10 day closing report  
3/11/76  
LW/122

CH 59

Index Lab Files

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AS RETAINED IN LAB  
REPORT

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

M Per \_\_\_\_\_



AT 9-2573

Miss McDONALD stated that she is withholding the contents of this threatening letter from Mrs. KING so as not to bother her. She advised that Mrs. KING has been invited to speak by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at the University of Maryland, College Park, Md., during the Spring of 1976. According to Miss McDONALD, Mrs. KING has not said whether or not she will speak as requested at the University of Maryland.

Miss McDONALD stated that she opens all of Mrs. KING's mail as her Secretary.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU, FBI LABORATORY:

The FBI Laboratory is requested to search this material through the Anonymous Letter File and conduct other appropriate examination. Results of the Laboratory examination should be furnished to the office of origin.

The FBI Identification Division is requested to process the enclosed threatening letter and envelope for latent fingerprints. Results of the Identification Division examination should be furnished expeditiously to the office of origin.

The original threatening letter and envelope can be retained by the Bureau or sent to the office of origin, inasmuch as Miss McDONALD has stated that she does not desire the letter returned to her or Mrs. KING.

LEADS

BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND

1. Will, upon receipt of the FBI Laboratory and Identification Division examinations, present this matter to appropriate USA for a prosecutive opinion.
2. Will consider inquiry at the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, University of Maryland Campus, to determine the writer of the threatening letter.

AT 9-2573

3. Advise Atlanta of the results of presentation to the USA so that original complainant may be advised.

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will notify original complainant of the prosecutive opinion rendered by the USA, College Park, Md., in connection with captioned matter upon receipt from the office of origin.

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RECORDED  
3/18/76  
bp\*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

NO LAB FILE  
LATENTS b6  
b7C  
3/11/76

To: SAC, Atlanta

Re: UNSUB;  
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
THREATENING LETTER TO  
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION

FBI FILE NO.

9-61245

LAB. NO.

D-760312003 PN

YOUR NO.

OO: Baltimore

Examination by:

Examination requested by:

Atlanta

Reference:

Airtel dated 3/9/76

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received:

3/11/76

*See D 760308012 PN*

2 - ~~EE~~ BALTIMORE

~~XXXX~~

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*No WM or identified writings*

*No Ident. of IT &*

*136 m. m.*  
*4/12/76*

Q3 Envelope postmarked "~~3/5/76, Maryland~~" bearing hand printed address "Mrs. MARTIN L. KING, JR., 234 Sunset Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Ga."

Q4 Accompanying letter made up of cut-out newsprint  
*beginning* stating "~~Africa or Death by Lynching Take Your Pick!~~  
~~The Ku Klux Klan~~"

ALSO SUBMITTED:

Piece of ~~tin foil~~ aluminum foil

xxx

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D-760312003 PN

RECORDED

3/18/76

bp\*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

NO LAB FILE  
LATENTS

3/11/76

To: SAC, Atlanta

FBI FILE NO.

9-61245

Re:

UNSUB;  
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN LAB. NO.  
THREATENING LETTER TO  
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION

YOUR NO.

D-760312003 PN

OO: Baltimore

Examination by:

Examination requested by:

Atlanta

Reference:

Airtel dated 3/9/76

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received:

3/11/76

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Return to

By 3/30/76

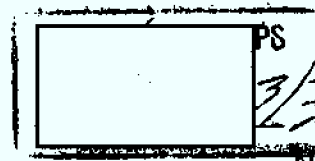
Spec LPS &amp; forwarded to BA 4-12-76

2 - ML BALTIMORE

KING

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- Q3 Envelope postmarked "3/5/76, Maryland," bearing address "Mrs. MARTIN L. KING, JR., 234 Sunset Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Ga."
- Q4 Accompanying letter made up of cut-out newsprint stating "Africa or Death by Lynching Take Your Pick! The Ku Klux Klan"

ALSO SUBMITTED:

Piece of tinfoil

EXX

Page 2  
D-760312003 PW

RECORDED  
3/11/76

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

NO LAB FILE  
LATENTS

3/5/76

To:

SAC, Atlanta (9-2573)

Re:

UNSUB;  
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
THREATENING LETTER TO  
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION

FBI FILE NO.

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LAB. NO.

D-760308012 PN

YOUR NO.

OO: Baltimore

Examination by:

Examination requested by:

Atlanta

Reference:

Airtel dated 3/2/76

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received:

3/5/76

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b7C

Q1 Envelope bearing address Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING,  
234 Sunset Avenue, N.W., Atlanta, Ga.

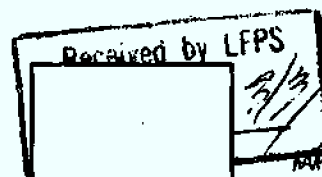
Q2 Accompanying one-page letter made up of cut-out newsprint  
postmarked 2/29/76, Maryland

2 - BALTIMORE

*Return to*

*B/m 3/30/76*

*Exam LFPS + forwarded to BA 4-12-76*





**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**



To: SAC, Atlanta (9-2573)

From: Director, FBI

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FBI FILE NO.

April 2, 1976

REC-91

9-61245

LAB. NO.

Re: UNSUB;  
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
THREATENING LETTER TO  
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION

D-760308012 PN  
D-760312003 PN

OO: Baltimore

Examination requested by:

Atlanta

Reference:

Airtels dated 3/2/76 and 3/9/76

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

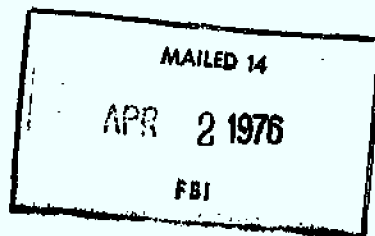
Remarks:

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Q1 through Q4 will be returned with the results  
of the latent fingerprint examination.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Baltimore - Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

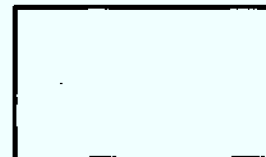


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REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Atlanta (9-2573)

April 2, 1976

Re: UNSUB;  
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
THREATENING LETTER TO  
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM;  
EXTORTIONFBI FILE NO. 9-61245  
LAB. NO. D-760308012 PN  
D-760312003 PN

## Specimens received

3/5/76 from SAC, Atlanta:

- Q1 Envelope bearing address Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING,  
234 Sunset Av. N.W. Atlanta, Georgia
- Q2 Accompanying one-page letter made up of cut-out newsprint  
beginning "Stay off ..."

Specimens received 3/11/76 from SAC, Atlanta:

- Q3 Envelope bearing hand printed address "Mrs. MARTIN L. KING,  
JR., 234 Sunset Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Ga."
- Q4 Accompanying letter made up of cut-out newsprint  
beginning "Africa or ..."

## ALSO SUBMITTED:

Piece of aluminum foil

## Result of examination:

Q1 through Q4 were searched in the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File with negative results. Representative copies will be added thereto.

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BLM:bp (6)\*

The typewriting on specimens submitted in this matter most closely resembles Laboratory standards matching a pica style of type used on Smith Corona brand machines.

The stamps affixed to Q1 and Q3 originated from a coil or coils of stamps.

No indented writings, watermarks or other characteristics of significance were noted during the examination of the questioned items which would aide in determining their immediate source.

The submitted specimens are temporarily retained. Photographs are retained.

FBI

9-61245-1

ENCLOSURE

**Stay off**

**of THE**

**University of Maryland**

**Campus**

**or**

**you**

**will**

**die !**

**THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX**

**KLAN**

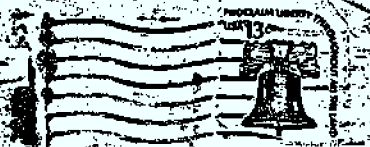
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First Class

.Personal!!!



Mrs. Coretta Scott King  
234 Sunset Av. N.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia



**Stay off**

**of THE**

**University of Maryland**

**Campus**

**or**

**you**

**will**

**die !**

**THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX**

**KLAN**

9-61245-1.



Mrs. Coretta Scott King  
234 Sunset Av. N.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia

First Class

.Personal!!!

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**Campus**

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**die !**

**THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX**

**KLAN**

9-61245-1



First Class

Personal!!!



Mrs. Coretta Scott King  
224 Sunset Av. N.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia

FILE# 9-61245-1  
760312006

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

EXAMINER

*pr*

Q# 347  
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NEGATIVES

INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

**EVIDENCE**

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

FILE# 9-61245-1  
760308012 PN

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

EXAMINER  
#

Q# 1+2

K#

NEGATIVES

INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

**EVIDENCE**

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

**AFRICA**

**or**

**Death**

**by**

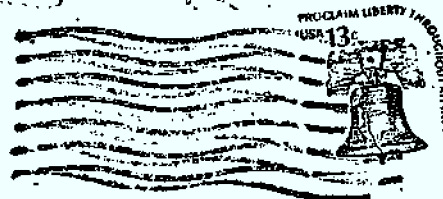
**Lynching**

**Take**

**your  
Pick!**



**The  
Ku Klux Klan**



MRS. MARTIN L. KING JR.  
234 SUNSET AVE. NW.  
ATLANTA, GA.

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**AFRICA**

**or**

**Death**

**by**

**Lynching**

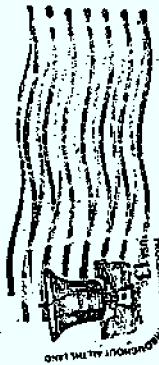


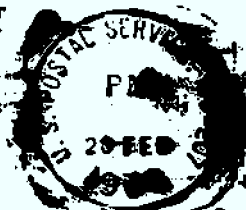
**Take**

**your  
Pick!**

**The  
Ku Klux Klan**

Mrs. Martin L. King Jr.  
224 Sunset Ave. NW  
Atlanta, GA.





Mrs. Coretta Scott King  
234 Sunset Av. N.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia

First Class

Personal!!!

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MRS. MARTIN L. KING JR.  
234 SUNSET AVE. NW.  
ATLANTA, GA.

760312903-PN Q-3

3/8/76  
PFS



760312003 PN Q-3

**AFRICA**

**or**

**Death**

**by**

**Lynching**



**Take**

**your  
Pick!**

**The  
Ku Klux Klan**

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3/8/76  
(RFS)

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9-61245-1

**Stay off**

**of THE**

**University of Maryland**

**Campus**

**or**

**you**

**will**

**die !**

**THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX**

**KLAN**

760308012 PN Q-2

9-61245-1

Pt. 3  
5/1/76

760308012 PM Q-2

FBI

Date: 3/9/76

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Precedence)TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN.: FBI LABORATORY

FROM SAC, ATLANTA (P)

SUBJECT UNSUB  
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
THREATENING LETTER TO  
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM  
EXTORTION  
(OO: BALTIMORE)

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau 3/2/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and three copies of a threatening letter (made up of cut-out newsprint) and accompanying envelope addressed to Mrs. MARTIN L. KING, JR., 234 Sunset Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Ga. The letter is postmarked 3/5/76, Maryland. Also enclosed is a piece of tinfoil in which the letter was wrapped.

Two copies of this letter and accompanying envelope are being enclosed for Baltimore as Origin.

A second letter was furnished 3/8/76, by Miss DORA McDONALD, Secretary to Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING, Room 327, Old Post Office Building, Atlanta. Miss McDONALD opens all of Mrs. KING's mail. She has not made the contents of this letter known to Mrs. KING, once again preferring not to bother her. The letter was

- ③ - Bureau (Encs. 5)  
2 - Baltimore (Encs. 2)  
2 - Atlanta (9-2573)

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EX-116

5 MAR 11 1976

Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

56 AUG 09 1976

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COPY & SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB  
FOR ACTION & REPORT

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ENCLOSURE  
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AT 9-2573

handled by Miss McDONALD. She has been previously fingerprinted under the Summer Intern Program.

Miss McDONALD stated Mrs. KING has not made any commitments to date to speak at the University of Maryland as previously requested by a fraternity at that institution.

Instant letter is made up of cut-out newsprint, states "Africa or Death by Lynching Take Your Pick! The Ku Klux Klan". With the letter there is a picture in a rural setting, of a hanged black man with his hands tied in front.

The letter is wrapped in tinfoil, came in an envelope postmarked 3/5/76, Maryland. It was addressed to Mrs. MARTIN L. KING, JR., 234 Sunset Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Ga. There was no return address on the envelope.

REQUEST OF THE FBI LABORATORY

The FBI Laboratory is requested to search this material through the Anonymous Letter File and conduct any other appropriate examination necessary. Results of the Laboratory examination should be furnished to the Office of Origin.

The FBI Identification Division is requested to process the enclosed threatening letter and envelope and tinfoil for any latent fingerprints of value. Results of the Identification Division examination should be furnished expeditiously to the Office of Origin.

The original threatening letter, envelope and tinfoil wrapping can be retained by the Bureau or sent to the Office of Origin, inasmuch as Miss McDONALD has stated she does not desire this material returned to her or Mrs. KING.

LEADS

BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT COLLEGE PARK, MD.

(1) Will, upon receipt of the FBI Laboratory and FBI Identification Division examinations, present this matter

AT 9-2573

to appropriate USA for prosecutive opinion.

(2) Will advise Atlanta of the results of presentation to the USA so that Miss McDONALD, Secretary to CORETTA SCOTT KING, can be advised.

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GA.

Will notify the original complainant of the prosecutive opinion rendered by the USA, College Park, Md, upon receipt from the Office of Origin.

# AFRICA

or

Death

by

## Lynching

Take

**your  
Pick!**



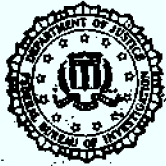
The  
**Ku Klux Klan**

Mrs. Martin L. King Jr.  
234 Sunset Ave. NW  
Atlanta, GA.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

## LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 9-2573  
 FBI FILE NO. REC-47 9-61245-3  
 LATENT CASE NO. B-28517

April 12, 1976

EX-104  
TO: SAC, Atlanta

UNSUB.  
 RE: THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
 THREATENING LETTER TO  
 CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM  
 EXTORTION

Atlanta airtels 3-2-76, 3-9-76 and Baltimore  
 airtel 4-5-76

## REFERENCE:

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Atlanta and Baltimore

## SPECIMENS:

Two envelopes, Q1 and Q3  
 Two letters, Q2 and Q4  
 Piece of foil

Listed Q specimens described in separate  
 Laboratory report.

Twenty-six latent fingerprints and one latent  
 palm print of value developed on Q2. No latent prints  
 of value developed on remaining specimens.

Latent fingerprints not identical finger-  
 prints of Dora B. McDonald, born 7-16-25. No palm  
 prints here for this individual.

The specimens are being forwarded to Baltimore  
 Division.

2 - Baltimore - Enc. (5) (9-2403)

EEC:wms

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Clarence M. Kelley, Director

THIS REPORT IS FURNISHED FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Ext. Affairs \_\_\_\_\_  
 Files & Com. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gen. Inv. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ident. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inspection \_\_\_\_\_  
 Intell. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Plan. & Eval. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spec. Inv. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Training \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Director's Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

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3/11/76  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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LATENTS

Laboratory Work Sheet

Recorded 4/1/76

8:50 a.m.

cds

3/5/76  
Received 4/1/76

b6  
b7c

To: SAC, Atlanta (9-2573)

Re: UNSUB;  
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
THREATENING LETTER TO  
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION

FBI FILE NO.

9-61248-3

LAB. NO.

D-760308012 PN

YOUR NO. LC#B-28517

OO: Baltimore

Examination by:

Noted By:

Examination requested by:

Atlanta

Reference:

Airtel dated 3/2/76 + BA airtel 4-5-76

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received:

3/5/76

Q1 Envelope bearing address Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING,  
234 Sunset Avenue, N.W., Atlanta, Ga.

Q2 Accompanying one-page letter made up of cut-out newsprint  
postmarked 2/29/76, Maryland

2 - BALTIMORE (9-2403)

4-1 sprayed rim etc

4-5 re-sprayed rim Q2 to photo etc

4-6 26 lat FPS and 1 lat PP of value der rim on Q2 etc

no lat parts of value der on Q1

Lat FPS not of FPS DORA E. McDONALD born 7-16-25  
no FPS here for her. (MRS. KING'S SISTER)

9-2403

as PTT

2cc to Baltimore with specimens

Examination Completed 11:05  
time

4-7

date

Dictated 4-7-76  
date

4-12-76  
EFT  
LGM

RECORDED  
3/18/76  
bp\*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NO LAB FILE  
LATENTS

Laboratory Work Sheet

Recorded 4/1/76

8:55a.m.

cds

3/11/76  
Received 4/1/76

To: SAC, Atlanta 9-2513

FBI FILE NO.

9-61245-3

UNSUB;

THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
THREATENING LETTER TO

LAB. NO.

D-760312003 PN

Re:

CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION

YOUR NO. LC#B-28517

OO: Baltimore

Examination by:

Noted By:

Examination requested by:

Atlanta

Reference:

Airtel dated 3/9/76

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received:

3/11/76

b6  
b7C

4-1 sprayed rim

4-5 unsprayed rim no lat prints of value due  
no lat prints due. SD.

no lat prints of value due on foil. ea.

Specimens being forwarded to Baltimore.  
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- Q3 Envelope postmarked "3/5/76, Maryland," bearing address "Mrs. MARTIN L. KING, JR., 234 Sunset Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Ga."
- Q4 Accompanying letter made up of cut-out newsprint stating "Africa or Death by Lynching Take Your Pick! The Ku Klux Klan"

ALSO SUBMITTED:

Piece of ~~air~~ foil

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Examination Completed 12:30 4-6 Dictated 4-8-76  
time date date

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Date: 4/5/76

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (9-2403) P

SUBJECT: UNSUB; THE KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, THREATENING  
LETTER TO CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM  
EXTORTION  
OO: BALTIMORE

RE: Baltimore telephone call to the Bureau, 4/2/76,  
Bureau routing slip, 3/11/76, and Atlanta airtels to Baltimore,  
3/2/76, and 3/9/76.

By way of background, Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING,  
Atlanta, Georgia, received two anonymous letters mailed  
from Maryland threatening her with death if she accepted  
a speaking engagement at the University of Maryland. Mrs.  
KING anticipates accepting the speaking engagement at this  
time, scheduled for 4/23/76.

The Baltimore Division has alerted the Maryland  
State Police, University Park Police, and the Campus Police  
at the University of Maryland concerning these threats.

The threatening letters sent to Mrs. KING have  
been previously sent to the Bureau by Atlanta for appropriate  
Laboratory and Latent Fingerprint examination.

Due to the prominence of the individual involved  
the FBI Laboratory is requested to expeditiously furnish  
Baltimore the results of the requested examinations.

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1 - Atlanta (info)  
2 - Baltimore

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Upon receipt of the above examination, the appropriate United States Attorney will be contacted, and a report submitted, UACB.

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AIRMAIL

DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM SAC, ATLANTA (P)

SUBJECT UNSUB;  
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
THREATENING LETTER TO  
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM  
EXTORTION  
(OO: BALTIMORE)

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau 3/2/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and three copies of a threatening letter (made up of cut-out newsprint), and accompanying envelope addressed to Mrs. MARTIN L. KING, SR., 234 Sunset Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Ga. The letter is postmarked 3/5/76, Maryland. Also enclosed is a piece of tinfoil in which the letter was wrapped.

Two copies of this letter and accompanying envelope are being enclosed for Baltimore as Origin.

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A second letter was furnished 3/8/76, by Miss DORA McDONALD, Secretary to Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING, Room 327, Old Post Office Building, Atlanta. Miss McDONALD opens all of Mrs. KING's mail. She has not made the contents of this letter known to Mrs. KING, once again preferring not to bother her. The letter was

- ③ - Bureau (Encs. 5)
- 2 - Baltimore (Encs. 2)
- 2 - Atlanta (9-2573)

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Handwritten notes and stamps:  
- "9-61245" stamp  
- "REC-11" stamp  
- "3-11/76" date stamp  
- "L. J. H. 11" handwritten note  
- "L. J. H. 11" handwritten note  
- "L. J. H. 11" handwritten note

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handled by Miss McDONALD. She has been previously fingerprinted under the Summer Intern Program.

Miss McDONALD stated Mrs. KING has not made any commitments to date to speak at the University of Maryland as previously requested by a fraternity at that institution.

Instant letter is made up of cut-out newsprint, states "Africa or Death by Lynching Take Your Pick! The Ku Klux Klan". With the letter there is a picture in a rural setting, of a hanged black man with his hands tied in front.

The letter is wrapped in tinfoil, came in an envelope postmarked 3/5/76, Maryland. It was addressed to Mrs. MARTIN L. KING, JR., 234 Sunset Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Ga. There was no return address on the envelope.

REQUEST OF THE FBI LABORATORY

The FBI Laboratory is requested to search this material through the Anonymous Letter File and conduct any other appropriate examination necessary. Results of the Laboratory examination should be furnished to the Office of Origin.

The FBI Identification Division is requested to process the enclosed threatening letter and envelope and tinfoil for any latent fingerprints of value. Results of the Identification Division examination should be furnished expeditiously to the Office of Origin.

The original threatening letter, envelope and tinfoil wrapping can be retained by the Bureau or sent to the Office of Origin, inasmuch as Miss McDONALD has stated she does not desire this material returned to her or Mrs. KING.

LEADS

BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT COLLEGE PARK, MD.

(1) Will, upon receipt of the FBI Laboratory and FBI Identification Division examinations, present this matter

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to appropriate USA for prosecutive opinion.

(2) Will advise Atlanta of the results of presentation to the USA so that Miss McDONALD, Secretary to CORETTA SCOTT KING, can be advised.

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GA.

Will notify the original complainant of the prosecutive opinion rendered by the USA, College Park, Md. upon receipt from the Office of Origin.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(Attn: FBI Laboratory)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (9-2573) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;  
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
THREATENING LETTER TO  
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM  
EXTORTION  
(OO: BALTIMORE)

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and Xerox copies of a threatening letter (made up of cut-out newspaper) and accompanying envelope addressed to Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING, 234 Sunset Avenue, N.W., Atlanta, Ga. The letter is postmarked 2/29/76, Maryland.

Two (2) copies of this letter and accompanying envelope are being enclosed for Baltimore as office of origin.

The contents of the letter instructed Mrs. KING to stay off the University of Maryland Campus or she would die. The letter was signed the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

The letter and envelope was received 3/1/76 from Mrs. KING's Secretary, Miss DORA McDONALD, Room 27, Old Post Office Building, Atlanta, Ga., telephone #688-8207. Miss McDONALD stated that she handled the envelope and letter. Miss McDONALD is a Negro female, born 7/16/25, at Greeleyville, South Carolina. She has been previously fingerprinted, according to her admission, under the Summer Intern Program.

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Miss McDONALD stated that she is withholding the contents of this threatening letter from Mrs. KING so as not to bother her. She advised that Mrs. KING has been invited to speak by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at the University of Maryland, College Park, Md., during the Spring of 1976. According to Miss McDONALD, Mrs. KING has not said whether or not she will speak as requested at the University of Maryland.

Miss McDONALD stated that she opens all of Mrs. KING's mail as her Secretary.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU, FBI LABORATORY:

The FBI Laboratory is requested to search this material through the Anonymous Letter File and conduct other appropriate examination. Results of the Laboratory examination should be furnished to the office of origin.

The FBI Identification Division is requested to process the enclosed threatening letter and envelope for latent fingerprints. Results of the Identification Division examination should be furnished expeditiously to the office of origin.

The original threatening letter and envelope can be retained by the Bureau or sent to the office of origin, inasmuch as Miss McDONALD has stated that she does not desire the letter returned to her or Mrs. KING.

LEADS

BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND

1. Will, upon receipt of the FBI Laboratory and Identification Division examinations, present this matter to appropriate USA for a prosecutive opinion.
2. Will consider inquiry at the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, University of Maryland Campus, to determine the writer of the threatening letter.

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3. Advise Atlanta of the results of presentation to the USA so that original complainant may be advised.

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will notify original complainant of the prosecutive opinion rendered by the USA, College Park, Md., in connection with captioned matter upon receipt from the office of origin.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| REPORTING OFFICE<br><b>BALTIMORE</b>   | OFFICE OF ORIGIN<br><b>BALTIMORE</b> | DATE<br><b>4/19/76</b>   | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD<br><b>3/6/76 - 4/12/76</b> |
| TITLE OF CASE<br><b>UNSUB;<br/>THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN;<br/>THREATENING LETTERS TO<br/>CORETTA SCOTT KING-VICTIM</b> |                                      | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>SA</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span> | TYPED BY<br><b>cal</b>                          |
|  |                                      | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>EXTORTION-RACIAL MATTER</b>  |   |

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## REFERENCES:

Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 3/2/76.  
Atlanta nitel to Baltimore, 3/24/76.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND  
(ATTN: AUSA GERARD P. MARTIN)

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: BALTIMORE b6  
Date: APRIL 19, 1976 b7C

Field Office File #: BA 9-2403 Bureau File #: 9-61245

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN;  
THREATENING LETTERS TO  
CORETTA SCOTT KING-VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION-RACIAL MATTER

Synopsis: Threatening letters mailed from Maryland to Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING, Atlanta, Georgia referred to Mrs. KING's possible appearance at the University of Maryland. Letters signed by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. AUSA, Baltimore, Maryland, advised he would decline prosecution in instant matter.

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DETAILS:

This case was predicated upon receipt of a communication from the Atlanta Division enclosing copies of a letter addressed to Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING, wife of the late Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., 234 Sunset Avenue, NW, Atlanta, Georgia. Another letter was also received by Mrs. KING at the aforementioned address.

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**of THE**

**University of Maryland**

**Campus**

**or**

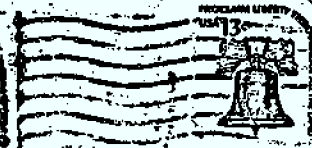
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**will**

**die !**

**THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX**

**KLAN**



Mrs. Coretta Scott King  
224 Sunset Av. N.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia

First Class

Personal!!!

AFRICA

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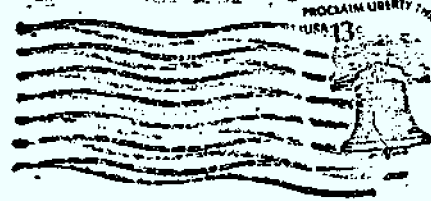
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The

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MRS. MARTIN L. KING JR.  
234 SUNSET AVE. NW.  
ATLANTA, GA.

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A check was made with [redacted] University of Maryland Security Police, and it was determined that Mrs. KING was scheduled to appear on the University of Maryland on April 23, 1976 in conjunction with the presentation of the Martin Luther King Awards being sponsored by the Black Student Union, University of Maryland. Campus security was alerted to the threatening letters received by Mrs. KING and in addition, [redacted] Intelligence Section, Maryland State Police, was also notified regarding the threatening letters.

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On April 9, 1976, AUSA GERARD P. MARTIN, Baltimore, Maryland, was contacted regarding instant case and was advised of the contents of the letters addressed to Mrs. KING. AUSA MARTIN advised he would decline prosecution in this matter in view of the fact that he felt the case was not suitable for handling in federal court.

REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Atlanta (9-2573)

April 2, 1976

Re: UNSUB;  
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
THREATENING LETTER TO  
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION

FBI FILE NO. 9-61245

LAB. NO. D-760308012 PN  
D-760312003 PN

Specimens received 3/5/76 from SAC, Atlanta:

- Q1 Envelope bearing address Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING,  
234 Sunset Av. N.W. Atlanta, Georgia
- Q2 Accompanying one-page letter made up of cut-out newsprint  
beginning "Stay off ..."

Specimens received 3/11/76 from SAC, Atlanta:

- Q3 Envelope bearing hand printed address "Mrs. MARTIN L. KING,  
JR., 234 Sunset Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Ga."
- Q4 Accompanying letter made up of cut-out newsprint  
beginning "Africa or ..."

## ALSO SUBMITTED:

Piece of aluminum foil

## Result of examination:

Q1 through Q4 were searched in the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File with negative results. Representative copies will be added thereto.

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The typewriting on specimens submitted in this matter most closely resembles Laboratory standards matching a pica style of type used on Smith Corona brand machines.

The stamps affixed to Q1 and Q3 originated from a coil or coils of stamps.

No indented writings, watermarks or other characteristics of significance were noted during the examination of the questioned items which would aide in determining their immediate source.

The submitted specimens are temporarily retained. Photographs are retained.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

## LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO.

9-2573  
9-61245  
B-28517

April 12, 1976

TO: SAC, Atlanta

RE: UNSUB.;  
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
THREATENING LETTER TO  
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Atlanta airtels 3-2-76, 3-9-76 and Baltimore  
airtel 4-5-76  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Atlanta and Baltimore  
SPECIMENS: Two envelopes, Q1 and Q3  
Two letters, Q2 and Q4  
Piece of foil

Listed Q specimens described in separate  
Laboratory report.

Twenty-six latent fingerprints and one latent  
palm print of value developed on Q2. No latent prints  
of value developed on remaining specimens.

Latent fingerprints not identical finger-  
prints of Dora E. McDonald, born 7-16-25. No palm  
prints here for this individual.

The specimens are being forwarded to Baltimore  
Division.

② - Baltimore - Enc. (5) (9-2403) <sup>Endosures</sup> <sup>NOT</sup> verified DFM

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Clarence M. Kelley, Director

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FBI

Date: 3/14/77

Transmitted in

(Type in plaintext or code)

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TO: Director, FBI (9-61245)  
 Attention: Laboratory Division

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (9-2403) (P)

"CHANGED"

THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM  
 EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER  
 OO: Baltimore

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Title is marked "CHANGED" to reflect UNSUB as being [redacted] Title previously carried as, "UNSUB; THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA SCOTT KING-VICTIM; EXTORTION-RACIAL MATTER, OO: BA."

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau 3/9/76, and Baltimore airtel to the Bureau dated 3/10/77.

Enclosed for the Laboratory Division are two photographic copies each of 2 known samples of the handwriting of [redacted]

For the information of the Laboratory Division, on 3/2/77, the Maryland State Police (MSP) charged

- 1 - Bureau (Enc. 4) (2-9-61245) (1-157-34328)
- 2 - Laboratory Division
- 1 - Atlanta (Info.)
- 3 - Baltimore (2-9-2403) (1-157-9775)

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted] date of birth [redacted] residing [redacted] with manufacturing explosive devices, possession of black powder in excess of lawfully permitted amounts, and unlawful cross burning. [redacted] is currently being held at the Carroll County, Maryland, jail in lieu of \$15,000 bond. Additionally, Howard County, Maryland, has placed a detainer on [redacted] in regards to indictments lodged against [redacted] in that county. [redacted] bond for the Howard County charges was set at \$100,000.

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On 3/3/77, [redacted] Intelligence Unit, MSP, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] had admitted to a MSP undercover agent that he, [redacted] had authored threatening letters to CORETTA SCOTT KING, wife of the late Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. These letters were signed Ku Klux Klan and were directed to her concerning her scheduled appearance at the University of Maryland, College Park campus, during April of 1976.

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Referenced Atlanta airtel transmitted to the Bureau the original and 3 copies of a threatening letter (made up of cut-out newsprint), and an envelope addressed to Mrs. MARTIN L. KING, Jr., 234 Sunset Avenue, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia. The letter was postmarked 3/5/76, Maryland.

In a report of the FBI Laboratory dated 4/2/76, Laboratory Case Numbers-D-726308012PN and D-760312003PN, the Laboratory identified the above envelope bearing a hand printed address as specimen Q3 and the above described letter made up of cut-out newsprint as being specimen Q4.

On 3/8/77, this matter was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) GERALD P. MARTIN, who advised that the sending of these letters was a definite violation of Federal law and if physical evidence could be obtained indicating that [redacted] was the writer of these letters, he would consider prosecuting [redacted] under the extortion statute.

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On 3/10/77, [redacted] Carroll County, Maryland, was interviewed at the [redacted]

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Baltimore Office of the FBI. [redacted] advised on 1/3/77, he was at the home of [redacted] and observed [redacted] writing the enclosed document, which begins [redacted] "Grand Dragon . . . ". [redacted] noted that on the reverse side of this document, his, [redacted], handwriting also appears.

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Additionally, [redacted] stated that on 8/21/76, [redacted] had given him handwritten instructions on how to build a pipe bomb, which [redacted] stated was written by [redacted]

[redacted] made available these two documents which were photographed at the Baltimore Office. Baltimore is enclosing photographs of these documents due to the fact that the originals are being used in local court.

REQUEST OF THE LABORATORY DIVISION

The Laboratory Division is requested to compare the enclosed photographs of known handwriting of [redacted] with the handwriting which appears on specimen Q3 of Laboratory Case No. D-760312003PN and forward results of this comparison to Baltimore.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE [REDACTED]  
SUBJECT: CHANGED

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OO: BALTIMORE

Title changed to reflect subject's name, [REDACTED]

Title previously carried as "INSUR: [REDACTED]"

COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND; [REDACTED]

Re Baltimore airtel and LHM, dated 2/23/77.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM regarding captioned matter.

Subject admitted to Maryland State Police (MSPD) that he authored letter to Ms. CORETTA KING, which threatened that she would die if she did not stay out of the University of Maryland. The letter was signed Ku Klux Klan (KKK) and was directed to her concerning a scheduled appearance at the University of Maryland in 4/76 (see Bureau file 9-61245).

UACB, no additional investigation being conducted regarding this matter.

- 3 - Bureau (ENC. 5) (RM)  
(1 - 9-61245) (ENC. 1)  
4 - Baltimore  
(2 - [REDACTED])  
(1 - 9-2403)  
(1 - 157- [REDACTED])

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Baltimore, Maryland

In Reply, Please  
File No. BA [redacted]

March 3, 1977

RE: [redacted]

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DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING  
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On March 2, 1977, [redacted] Maryland  
State Police (MSP) Baltimore, Maryland, advised that

[redacted]  
[redacted] was arrested by his department on March 2, 1977.  
He described [redacted] as a white male, five feet eleven  
inches, 170 pounds, born [redacted] with Social  
Security Account Number (SSAN) [redacted]

[redacted] advised that in addition to the  
arrest, a search warrant was executed at [redacted] residence  
and the following items were obtained, which are being  
retained by the MSP as evidence to support future charges:

Nine pounds of black powder;  
Safety cord (fuse cord);  
One nine millimeter pistol;  
Two twelve gauge shotguns;  
One Armalite 180 rifle;  
One .22 caliber rifle

[redacted] advised further that his office  
developed evidence that [redacted] was the head of the Ku  
Klux Klan (KKK) for the Prince George's, Montgomery and  
Howard County area. He said evidence has also been developed

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OF THE FBI. IT IS THE PROPERTY OF THE FBI AND IS LOANED TO YOUR  
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YOUR AGENCY."



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ENCLOSURE

BA [REDACTED]

RE: [REDACTED]

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DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING  
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that [REDACTED] was responsible for the burning of a cross at the residence of [REDACTED] during the evening of January 29 - 30, 1977. [REDACTED] said evidence pertaining to this cross burning will be presented to a grand jury in Prince George's County in the immediate future in the interest of obtaining an indictment against [REDACTED]. He stated that charges are also being sought against [REDACTED] in connection with the explosive materials found in his home and also in connection with a pipe bomb which was found in possession of [REDACTED].

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| REPORTING OFFICE<br><b>BALTIMORE</b>   | OFFICE OF ORIGIN<br><b>BALTIMORE</b> | DATE<br><b>3/17/77</b>                               | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD<br><b>3/3-17/77</b> |
| TITLE OF CASE<br><b>THREATENING LETTERS TO<br/>CORETTA SCOTT KING-VICTIM</b> |                                      | REPORT MADE BY<br>SA <b>[REDACTED]</b>               | TYPED BY<br><b>SMW</b>                   |
|  |                                      | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>EXTORTION-RACIAL MATTERS</b> |  |

REFERENCES:

Report of **[REDACTED]** dated 4/19/76,  
Baltimore airtel to the Bureau dated 3/3/77, Baltimore  
airtel to the Bureau dated 3/10/77, Baltimore airtel  
to the Bureau dated 3/14/77, and report of Identification  
Division, Latent Fingerprint Section dated 3/15/77.

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b7CLEADS:BALTIMORE DIVISIONAT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

- Will attempt to determine through Maryland State Police,

| ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED |                       |      |       |         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE | ACQUIT-<br>TALS | CASE HAS BEEN:  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------|-------|---------|--|-----------------|---|
| CONVIC.                 | PRETRIAL<br>DIVERSION | FUG. | FINES | SAVINGS | RECOVERIES                               |                 |   |
|                         |                       |      |       |         |  |                 | PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO<br>PENDING PROSECUTION<br>OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |

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Intelligence Unit, if [ ] is in possession of a Smith Corona typewriter, and if so, attempt to obtain a search warrant for same.

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2. Will follow and report results of proceedings before Federal Grand Jury, Baltimore, Maryland, of [ ] to the Bureau.



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to: 1- USA, Baltimore, Maryland  
(ATTN: AUSA GERALD P. MARTIN)

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: BALTIMORE  
Date: 3/17/77

Field Office File #: 9-2403 Bureau File #: 9-61245

Title: [REDACTED]  
THREATENING LETTERS TO  
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM

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Character: EXTORTION-RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis: Maryland State Police. (MSP). Intelligence Unit, advised that [REDACTED] had admitted to a MSP undercover operative that he [REDACTED] had authored threatening letters to Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had told him that he, [REDACTED] had authored threatening letters to Mrs. KING. Fingerprints of [REDACTED] were obtained from Maryland State Police. Latent Fingerprint Section identified 25 latent fingerprints previously developed on the letter 02 as the fingerprints of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] provided known handwriting of [REDACTED] which was photographed. FBI Laboratory advised it could not determine if [REDACTED] handwriting appeared on the envelope addressed to Mrs. MARTIN L. KING, JR. U.S. Postal Inspector advised letters were sent from Prince Georges postal facility, Hyattsville, Maryland. Local charges set forth. [REDACTED] currently being held Carroll County Maryland Jail in lieu of \$15,000 bond. Facts in this case to be brought before the Federal Grand Jury on 3/22/77.

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**DETAILS:**

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1Date of transcription 3/9/77

[redacted] Intelligence Unit, Maryland State Police, Baltimore, Maryland provided the following information:

He stated that for the past several months the Maryland State Police had been conducting an investigation in conjunction with [redacted] into numerous illegal acts which they suspected were being committed by members of the ROBERT E. LEE KLAVERN OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN. This Klavern was located in Howard County, Maryland, and was headed by [redacted] who [redacted] described as the Exalted Cyclops of this group.

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During February of 1977, [redacted] admitted to [redacted] who had infiltrated the ROBERT E. LEE KLAVERN, that he, [redacted] had authored several threatening letters to CORETTA SCOTT KING, wife of the late Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. These letters were signed KU KLUX KLAN, (KKK), and were directed to her concerning her scheduled appearance at the University of Maryland Campus, College Park, Maryland, during April of 1976. [redacted] provided the following description and background information concerning [redacted]

Sex:  
Race:  
DOB:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Address:

Male  
White  
[redacted]  
5'11"  
170 lbs.

Telephone:  
MD Driver's license  
soundex number:  
Employment:  
Occupation:

[redacted]  
None  
Student, University of MD  
College Park, Maryland

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by SA [redacted] : smw Date dictated 3/7/77

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Date of transcription 3/15/77

[redacted]  
[redacted] Carroll County, Maryland, telephone number [redacted]  
[redacted] was interviewed at the Carroll County  
States Attorney's Office, 133 East Main Street,  
Westminster, Maryland. It is noted that [redacted]  
[redacted] Intelligence Unit, Maryland State Police, and  
[redacted] Carroll County States Attorney  
were present during the interview of [redacted]  
[redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated that he first met  
[redacted] during April of 1976. At  
that time, [redacted] was a member of the MARYLAND  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, (MKKKK).

[redacted] stated that he, [redacted]  
had joined the MARYLAND KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
during 1975. He stated that he joined the MKKKK  
with the full knowledge and consent of the Maryland  
State Police.

In May of 1976, while both [redacted] and  
[redacted] were members of the MKKKK [redacted] had  
stated during a training session of the klan  
berets, that several threatening letters had been  
sent to CORETTA KING. At that time, [redacted]  
did not identify the author of these letters but  
stated that he knew that they had been sent to  
Mrs. KING.

During November of 1976, [redacted] and  
other members had been expelled or resigned from  
that particular KKK faction. [redacted] then formed  
the ROBERT E. LEE KLAVERN OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE  
OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN.

[redacted] stated that because he felt  
[redacted] had a propensity for violence, he left  
the MKKKK and joined [redacted] group. [redacted]  
held the position of Exaulted Cyclops (leader) of  
the ROBERT E. LEE KLAVERN according to [redacted]  
In his capacity as Exaulted Cyclops, [redacted] had

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attempted on several occasions to recruit members of his Klavern to commit criminal acts.

On February 16, 1977, [ ] met with [ ] at [ ] home,

[ ] During this meeting [ ] attempted to discreetly determine if [ ] had been involved in sending threatening letters to Mrs. CORETTA KING during February and March of 1976 concerning her scheduled appearance at the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland during April of 1976. [ ] had stated to [ ] that Mr. ALEX HALEY, the author of the book "Roots", was scheduled to make an appearance at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County Campus, Catonsville, Maryland, in the near future. [ ] wanted to know if [ ] would send a threatening letter to HALEY. [ ] asked [ ] if he had HALEY's home address. [ ] stated that he did not have HALEY's home address but that he would attempt to obtain it for [ ] stated that if [ ] could get HALEY's address, he, [ ] would be willing to write a threatening letter to HALEY.

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During this conversation, [ ] advised [ ] that he, [ ] had sent several threatening letters to Mrs. CORETTA KING regarding her appearance at the University of Maryland, College Park Campus, College Park, Maryland. [ ] stated to [ ] that he prepared the letters by clipping words out of newspapers and magazines and pasted these words onto pieces of paper. [ ] advised that he remembers [ ] saying that he had used the word "Africa" in one of his threatening letters to KING.

[ ] stated that he was always very careful in preparing these letters. He stated that he would wear gloves during the entire time that he was preparing these letters. [ ] stated he was still very concerned that he might eventually be identified as being the author of these letters.

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At this point in the conversation, [ ] stated he told [ ] not to worry about the KING letters and the subject of the threatening letters was not further discussed.

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[ ] stated that on February 26, 1976, [ ] had been advised by [ ] that [ ] had talked to a representative of the FBI concerning [ ] told [ ] that should he be arrested by the FBI and have the chance to escape he would not hesitate to do so.

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On March 10, 1977, one fingerprint card bearing the inked fingerprint impressions of [redacted] date of birth [redacted] was obtained from [redacted] Assistant Director of Central Repository for Criminal Records, Maryland State Police, Pikesville, Maryland. [redacted] fingerprint card was placed in the 1A section of FBI case file number 9-2403.

On March 11, 1977, [redacted] fingerprint card was hand carried to FBI Headquarters, Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, Washington, D.C., where they were given to latent fingerprint examiner [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] & SA [redacted] : SMW Date dictated 3/11/77

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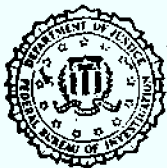
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## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

## LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION



YOUR FILE NO. 9-2403  
FBI FILE NO. 9-61245  
LATENT CASE NO. B-28517

March 15, 1977

TO: SAC, Baltimore

UNSUB.;

RE: THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM  
EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER

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REFERENCE: Airtel 3-10-77, and specimen delivered on 3-11-77  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Baltimore  
SPECIMENS: Fingerprints of [REDACTED]

This report supplements and confirms Bucal of  
March 11, 1977.

Twenty-five latent fingerprints, which were previously reported on the letter, Q2, made up of cut-out newsprint, beginning "Stay Off of The University of Maryland Campus...." have been identified as fingerprints of [REDACTED]

One latent fingerprint is not identical with the fingerprints of [REDACTED]

The fingerprints of [REDACTED] were searched through our main files and no previous arrest record was located.

The fingerprints of [REDACTED] have been retained.

1 - Atlanta (9-2573)

*Richard J. Ash*  
Assistant Director, Identification Division

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 3/16/771

[redacted]  
[redacted] Carroll County, Maryland, telephone number [redacted]  
[redacted] was interviewed at the Baltimore Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, (FBI), 7142 Ambassador Road, Baltimore, Maryland, and provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that on August 21, 1976, [redacted] while at a Ku Klux Klan rally in Gamber, Maryland, gave [redacted] a piece of paper which contained instructions on how to assemble a nine bomb. [redacted] had told [redacted] that he, [redacted] had prepared these instructions.

On January 3, 1977, [redacted] met with [redacted] at [redacted] home, [redacted]. During this meeting, [redacted] prepared a document for [redacted] which consisted of information regarding the Ku Klux Klan. This document begins with the words [redacted] - Grand Dragon ...".

At the conclusion of this interview, [redacted] made available for photographing these two documents. It is noted that [redacted] retained these documents in his custody.

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On March 10, 1977, two documents which were provided by [redacted] Carroll County, Maryland, telephone number [redacted] were photographed at the Baltimore Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, (FBI), 7142 Ambassador Road, Baltimore, Maryland. These two documents are identified as follows:

1. One piece of loose-leaf with writing on front and reverse beginning with the words [redacted] - Grand Dragon..."
2. One piece of loose-leaf with writing on front and reverse beginning with the words "Instructions for building a pipe bomb - Anti-personel".

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During the photographing of these documents, [redacted] was present and maintained custody of the original documents.

The photographs of these documents were placed in the 1A section of Baltimore case file number 9-2403.

On March 15, 1977, the photographs of these documents were hand carried to FBI Headquarters Laboratory Division, Washington, D.C.

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by SA [redacted] & SA [redacted] : smw Date dictated 3/16/77

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On March 15, 1977, SA [redacted] of the Laboratory Division, FBI Headquarters, Washington D.C., telephonically advised the Baltimore Office of the FBI that the handwriting on the envelope postmarked March 5, 1976 addressed to Mrs. MARTIN L. KING, JR., 234 Sunset Ave. N.W., Atlanta, GA., was disguised handwriting and that after comparing the handwriting on the envelope with the known handwriting of [redacted] no conclusion could be reached concerning the authorship of the envelope.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Baltimore, Maryland, telephone number  
provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that the number 207 which appears within the postal cancellation on the two letters directed to Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., indicates that these letters were processed at the Prince Georges postal facility, Route 1, Hyattsville, Maryland.

[redacted] further advised that letters mailed from within the University of Maryland, College Park Campus would be processed at the Prince Georges County postal facility.

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As of March 17, 1977, [REDACTED]  
has been charged with the following offenses by local  
authorities:

Prince Georges County, Maryland

1. Unlawful cross burnings.
2. Possession of black powder in excess of  
the lawfully permitted amount.

[REDACTED] Prince Georges County officials released  
[REDACTED] on his own recognizance.

Carroll County, Maryland

Manufacturing explosives.

[REDACTED] is currently being held in the  
Carroll County, Maryland jail in lieu of a \$15,000 bond.

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Howard County, Maryland

1. Unlawful cross burnings.
2. Manufacturing explosives without a license.
3. Manufacturing explosives without a permit.
4. Possession of explosives without a license.
5. Possession of explosives without a permit.

Howard County authorities have placed a  
detainer on [REDACTED] and have set his bail in the  
Howard County case at \$100,000.

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On March 8, 1977, Assistant United States Attorney, GERALD P. MARTIN, Baltimore, Maryland, was contacted regarding instant case. AUSA MARTIN advised that the sending of these letters was a definite violation of the Federal law and if evidence could be obtained indicating that [REDACTED] b6 b7C [REDACTED] was the writer of these letters, he would consider prosecution of [REDACTED] under the extortion statute.

On March 14, 1977 AUSA MARTIN, upon being contacted, advised this matter would be presented before the Federal Grand Jury, Baltimore, Maryland, on March 22, 1977.

The following article appeared on page B 18 in the March 5, 1977 issue of the Sun Newspaper, Baltimore, Maryland:

## Judge refuses to cut \$500,000 bail in Klan case

By PATRICIA A. ROUZER  
Westminster Bureau of The Sun

Westminster—A Carroll County District Court judge refused yesterday to reduce the \$500,000 bail set for William M. Aitcheson, 22, the reported Ku Klux Klan member who was charged here Wednesday with illegally possessing explosive materials.

Judge Donald M. Smith refused to reduce the bond set by a county District Court commissioner, saying he felt if Mr. Aitcheson were released, there was a "substantial risk" that he would not return for trial on the two misdemeanor counts against him in Carroll county. The defendant was being held last night at the Carroll County Jail in lieu of the bail.

At the time of his arrest at his parents' home near Clarksville in Howard county, Mr. Aitcheson also was charged by Prince Georges county authorities in connection with six cross-burnings in that county and sending threatening letters to Coretta S. King, widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., the slain civil rights leader. Prince Georges county authorities released Mr. Aitcheson on his own recognizance.

To avoid news photographers waiting in the hall outside the courtroom here yesterday, Mr. Aitcheson, a junior at the University of Maryland in College Park, was ushered into the hot and crowded courtroom through a side door.

The defendant, a curly-headed young man wearing a blue shirt, jeans and horn-rimmed glasses taped at the temple, showed no emotion as J. Robert Johnson, the public defender representing him, described him as "a boy who talks a lot and who doesn't do a great deal; a boy who talks to look big among his fellows."

Mr. Johnson's statement sharply contrasted with testimony by Frank M. Rauschenberg, a state fire marshal who infiltrated the Klan. Mr. Rauschenberg characterized the young man as "unstable and extremely dangerous."

While on the witness stand, Mr. Rauschenberg identified assembly instructions for a pipe bomb and a molotov cocktail, which he said Mr. Aitcheson had drawn up to train the Klan Beret, a Klan committee of about seven persons intended to engage in guerrilla warfare. The fire marshal added the group planned to mount a revolution against "blacks and the Communist and Socialist conspiracy."

Mr. Rauschenberg said he had known the young man for more than seven months from attending monthly Klan rallies held at a Gamber (Md.) farm. He said that February 26 Mr. Aitcheson had told him he thought the FBI was looking for him.

Mr. Rauschenberg contradicted preceding testimony by the young man's father, who said his son had not been out of state in the past month.

The fire marshal testified, "On February 26 he [the defendant] told me he had gone to Pennsylvania to visit with friends. He said that if the FBI made any attempt to apprehend him he would flee the state, he would go off and live in the woods. . . . He told me he had a military backpack and gear, and he also had a year's supply of Minute Men food tablets—a highly nutritious tablet he could live off of."

Thomas E. Hickman, the county state's attorney, questioned Mr. Rauschenberg, a qualified explosives technician, about the defendant's expertise in constructing explosive devices.

The young man's mother, seated in the first row of the tiny courtroom, bowed her head as Mr. Rauschenberg described her son as "a knowledgeable person" in the field of explosives who had constructed a bomb in the fire marshal's presence.

The following article appeared on page A 3 in the March 5, 1977 issue of the News American, Baltimore, Maryland:

## Klan Leader Making Bombs, Hearing Told

By MICHAEL POWELL  
Staff Reporter

WESTMINSTER — A state fire marshal has testified that the purported leader of a Ku Klux Klan klavern operating out of Howard County was constructing pipe bombs to get ready for a revolution.

He said the leader, a 22-year-old University of Maryland junior, was "dangerous" and "unstable."

The fire marshal, Frank M. Rauschenberg, spent two years as an undercover agent in the Ku Klux Klan.

He testified at a bond hearing for William M. Aitcheson, the "exalted cyclops" of a Howard County klavern. Aitcheson has been charged in three counties with crimes relating to his Klan activities.

Rauschenberg said he has known Aitcheson for the past seven months, during which time Aitcheson showed him how to make pipe bombs and discussed with him various Klan-related activities.

Rauschenberg's testimony exposed many details of Aitcheson's alleged Klan work, including his involvement in an elite "Klan Beret" corps, his sending threatening letters to Coretta Scott King, widow of the slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., and his involvement in cross burnings.

Carroll County State's Atty. Thomas E. Hickman said Aitcheson was planning a terrorist campaign against blacks, communists and socialists, that he (Aitcheson) was an expert in bombmaking and that he wanted to put toxic chemicals in Washington's water supply.

Prince Georges County authorities have charged Aitcheson in connection with the King letters.

During the hearing on a possession of explosives charge, evidence showed two letters were sent to Mrs. King. One

said, "Africa or death by lynching: Take your choice," and was signed "Ku Klux Klan." The other said, "Stay off the University of Maryland campus or you will die," and was also signed "Ku Klux Klan."

Aitcheson, showing anger at times during the proceedings, whispered to his attorney, "Those letters were a plant."

Hickman called the release of such information at a bond hearing "rare." But he said he wanted to show Aitcheson "is a danger to other people." Aitcheson's public defender, J. Robert Johnson, however, described Aitcheson as a "boy who talks a lot and doesn't do a great deal. He wants to look big among his fellows."

But District Court Judge Donald M. Smith said Aitcheson is a risk, and continued the \$500,000 bond.

Rauschenberg testified that Aitcheson, thinking Rauschenberg was a Klan member, confided to him that he would run "to the woods" if he thought he would be arrested.

A Wednesday morning raid on Aitcheson's parents' Howard County home turned up explosive materials, weapons, camping gear and a year's supply of Minuteman food tablets.

Rauschenberg also said Aitcheson had a "good knowledge" of manufacturing bombs.

He testified Aitcheson told him the "bombs were for training for an anticipated revolution."

Rauschenberg said he met with Aitcheson once a week and sometimes more often during the past seven months. He said most of the meetings were on a farm near Gamber in Carroll County, during weekly Saturday night Klan rallies.

He said he learned from Aitcheson the Klan was directing itself to "attacks" on military reservation communication centers, abortion clinics and offices of the NAACP.

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[REDACTED] THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA SCOTT  
KING - VICTIM; EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS.

REBAREP OF SA [REDACTED] DATED MARCH 17, 1977.

ON MARCH 18, 1977, [REDACTED] MADE BAIL ON BOTH CARROLL  
COUNTY AND HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND, CHARGES. ON MARCH 22, 1977,  
FEDERAL GRAND JURY, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, INDICTED [REDACTED]  
CHARGING HIM WITH VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 876,  
MAILING THREATENING COMMUNICATIONS; TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 2  
AIDING AND ABETTING. NO BENCH WARRANT ISSUED. USA'S OFFICE,  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH [REDACTED]  
ATTORNEY FOR [REDACTED] APPEARANCE AT ARRAIGNMENT. BALTIMORE  
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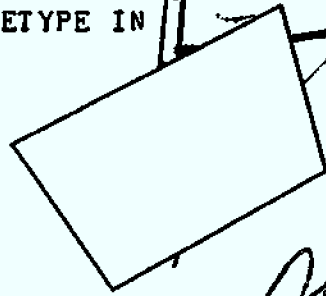
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Date: 3/10/77

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TO: Director, FBI (9-61245)  
(Attention: Identification Division,  
Latent Fingerprint Section)

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (9-2403) (P)

UNSUB;  
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,  
THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM  
EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER  
OO: Baltimore

Re Baltimore Report of SA [redacted]  
dated 4/19/76.

Enclosed for the Latent Fingerprint Section  
is a fingerprint card of [redacted]

On 3/2/77, the Maryland State Police charged  
[redacted] date of birth [redacted] residing  
[redacted] with  
manufacturing explosive devices, possession of black powder  
in excess of lawfully permitted amounts, and unlawful  
cross burning. [redacted] was fingerprinted at the  
Waterloo, Maryland Barracks of the Maryland State Police  
following his arrest.

On 3/3/77, [redacted] Intelligence  
Unit, Maryland State Police, advised SA [redacted]

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that [ ] admitted to a Maryland State Police undercover agent that he authored threatening letters to CORETTA SCOTT KING, wife of the late Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. These letters were signed Ku Klux Klan (KKK) and were directed to her concerning her scheduled appearance at the University of Maryland during April of 1976.

*Mrs.*  
On 3/8/77, this matter was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) GERALD P. MARTIN, who advised that the sending of these letters was a definite violation of Federal law and if physical evidence could be obtained indicating that [ ] was the writer of these letters, he would consider prosecuting [ ] under the extortion statute.

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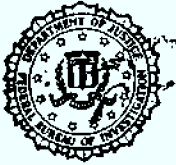
A report of the Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section dated 4/12/76, Latent Case No. B28517, advised that 26 latent fingerprints and one latent palm print of value were developed on specimen Q2, which was described as a letter made up of cut-out newsprint beginning with the words, "Stay off . . .".

REQUEST OF THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to compare the enclosed inked fingerprint impressions of [ ] with the latent fingerprints developed on specimen Q2 of Latent Case No. B28517 and forward results of this comparison to Baltimore.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

## LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 9-2403  
 FBI FILE NO. 9-61245  
 LATENT CASE NO. B-28517

March 15, 1977

TO: SAC, Baltimore

RE: ~~UNSUB.~~  
 THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
 THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM  
 EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER

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REFERENCE: Airtel 3-10-77 and specimen delivered on 3-11-77  
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Baltimore  
 SPECIMENS: Fingerprints of [redacted]

This report supplements and confirms Buca of  
 March 11, 1977.

Twenty-five latent fingerprints, which were previously reported on the letter, Q2, made up of cut-out newsprint, beginning "Stay Off of The University of Maryland Campus...." have been identified as fingerprints of [redacted]

One latent fingerprint is not identical with the fingerprints of [redacted]

The fingerprints of [redacted] were searched through our main files and no previous arrest record was located.

The fingerprints of [redacted] have been rechecked.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 3/11/77 11:25a.m. cds

Reference No: 9-2403

Received: 3/11/77

FBI File No: 9-61245-9

Latent Case No: B-28517

Answer to: SAC, Baltimore

Examination requested by: Addressee

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Copy to:

RE: UNSUB;

THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,  
THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM  
EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER

Date of reference communication: Airtel 3/10/77

Specimens:

Fingerprint card submitted of suspect:

+ specimen  
DELIVERED BKSA

Result of examination:

Examination by:   
Evidence noted by: 

3-11-

Called BA + advised several AS SA 

25 Prev reported lat FPS this case (Q2)

FPS of  as follows:

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sp verified  
  
 dated 3-15-77  
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Examination completed 3:00 PM 3-14

Dictated 3-14-77 EEC

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1 lot FF not 4 FF



Q2 CUT-OUT LETTERS

STAY OFF  
OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

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Campus

or  
you

Will

die!

Agpt



to tech for search 3-14-79

no record located

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**1 - To: **SAC, Baltimore (9-2403)****April 8, 1977**From: **Director, FBI**FBI FILE NO. **9-61245**LAB. NO. **D-770316081 PN**Re: **THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA  
SCOTT KING - VICTIM  
EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER****OO: Baltimore**b6  
b7CExamination requested by: **Baltimore**Reference: **Airtel 3-14-77**Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

**This laboratory report confirms telephone  
results previously furnished to SA  of  
the Baltimore division.**

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report, Kcl)****BW. jcg (4)**

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Baltimore (9-2403)

April 8, 1977

FBI FILE NO. 9-61245

THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA  
SCOTT KING - VICTIM  
EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER

LAB. NO. D-770216081 PN

Re:

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Specimens received 3-18-77

Kcl Two known samples of handwriting of 

## Result of examination:

No conclusion could be reached as a result of the comparison of the Kcl specimens with the questioned hand printing previously submitted in this matter due to the disguise nature of the questioned items.

Specimen Kcl is returned herewith. Appropriate photographs are retained.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

To: SAC, Baltimore (9-2403)

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THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA  
SCOTT KING - VICTIM  
EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER  
Re: OO: Baltimore

FBI FILE NO. 9-61245-10  
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Examination requested by: Baltimore  
Reference: Airtel 3-14-77  
Examination requested: Document  
Specimens received: 3-15-77

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Kc1 Two known samples of handwriting of  
[REDACTED]

*N/C Per HP w/Kc1 due  
to diag nature of quest HP.*

*Ret Herew. /  
Photo Ret.*

*TE confirms telephone results  
furnished SA [REDACTED]*



**RECORDED****3-17-77****deg****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Laboratory Work Sheet****LAB FILE****To: SAC, Baltimore (9-2403)****Re: THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA  
SCOTT KING - VICTIM  
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b7C**Reference:****Airtel 3-14-77****Examination requested:****Document****Specimens received:****3-15-77****Encl****Two known samples of handwriting of**

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ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

[REDACTED] THREATENING LETTERS TO CLORETTA SCOTT

VING - VICTIM, EXTORTION-RACIAL MATTER, OO: BALTIMORE

RE REPORT OF IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT

SECTION, MARCH 15, 1977, LATENT CASE FILE NUMBER B28517;

TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU, APRIL 29, 1977.

ON APRIL 29, 1977, AUSA MARTIN ADVISED CAPTIONED

SUBJECT'S DEFENSE ATTORNEY DESIRED [REDACTED]

TO MAKE

COMPARISON OF FINGERPRINTS IN CAPTIONED CASE. [REDACTED]

TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA [REDACTED] ON SAME

DATE AND ADVISED THAT HE WOULD APPEAR AT FBIHQ, LATENT

FINGERPRINT SECTION, AT 10 A.M., MAY 2, 1977, TO CONDUCT

[REDACTED] made Comparisons on 5-2-77  
 + agreed with ident. [REDACTED]

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*LEADS 5/16/77*  
*Sgt*

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ABOVE DESCRIBED EXAMINATION.

[REDACTED] LFPS, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED OF  
[REDACTED] APPOINTMENT.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| REPORTING OFFICE<br><b>BALTIMORE</b>   | OFFICE OF ORIGIN<br><b>BALTIMORE</b> | DATE<br><b>6/3/77</b>                                  | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD<br><b>3/17/77 - 5/23/77</b> |
| TITLE OF CASE<br><b>THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA<br/>SCOTT KING - VICTIM</b> |                                      | REPORT MADE BY<br>SA <b>[REDACTED]</b>                 | TYPED BY<br><b>mjm</b>                           |
|  |                                      | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS</b> |  |

## REFERENCES:

Report of SA **[REDACTED]**  
dated 3/17/77 and Baltimore  
teletype to the Bureau, 4/29/77.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

One conviction being claimed for the  
Baltimore Division.

## LEADS:

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AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Will report results of sentencing.

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| ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED |                       |      |       |         |            | <input type="checkbox"/> NONE | ACQUIT-<br>TALS | CASE HAS BEEN:  |
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## Copy to:

Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office:

BALTIMORE

Date:

June 3, 1977

Field Office File #:

BA 9-2403

Bureau File #:

BU 9-61245

Title:

[REDACTED]  
THREATENING LETTERS TO  
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIMb6  
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Character:

EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis:

Subject pleaded guilty on 5/23/77 and remains  
free on \$50,000 bond pending pre-sentence investigation.

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DETAILS:

On May 23, 1977, Assistant United States Attorney, GERARD P. MARTIN, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that [REDACTED] had pled guilty on that date to charges of mailing threatening communications via the U.S. mail. United States District Judge, JAMES R. MILLER, JR., allowed [REDACTED] to remain free on \$50,000 bond pending a pre-sentence investigation.

AUSA MARTIN advised that he would notify the Baltimore Office regarding [REDACTED] sentence in the near future.

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| REPORTING OFFICE<br><b>BALTIMORE</b>   | OFFICE OF ORIGIN<br><b>BALTIMORE</b> | DATE<br><b>7/25/77</b>                                 | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD<br><b>7/21/77</b> |
| TITLE OF CASE<br><b>THREATENING LETTERS TO<br/>CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM</b> |                                      | REPORT MADE BY<br>SA <b>[REDACTED]</b>                 | TYPED BY<br><b>alf</b>                 |
|  |                                      | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS</b> |  |

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b7cREFERENCE:Baltimore report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 6/3/77.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Form R-84 (Final Disposition Report) submitted to FBI Identification Division 7/25/77.

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| Agency   | <b>1-6055</b>         |      |       |         |  | <b>NOTED</b><br><b>10 DE 1977</b><br><b>RECEIVED</b>   |   |
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Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Baltimore, Maryland  
(Attn: AUSA GERARD P. MARTIN)

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: Baltimore  
Date: July 25, 1977

Field Office File #: BA 9-2403 Bureau File #: 9-61245

Title: [REDACTED]  
THREATENING LETTERS TO  
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM

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Character: EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER

Synopsis: Subject sentenced to four (4) years probation  
commencing 7/21/77 and ninety (90) days confinement at  
the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield,  
Missouri.

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to Baltimore*

**DETAILS:**

On July 21, 1977, U. S. District Court Judge  
JAMES R. MILLER, JR., sentenced [REDACTED]  
to four (4) years probation commencing July 21, 1977.  
Additionally, Judge MILLER remanded [REDACTED] to the  
custody of the United States Attorney General commencing  
September 7, 1977, for a period of ninety (90) days and  
designated that [REDACTED] undergo psychiatric treatment  
at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield,  
Missouri, during this ninety (90) day period.

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## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/6/62

FROM : SAC, WFO (100- ) (RUC)

SUBJECT: CORETTA SCOTT KING  
aka Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING (SUBVERSIVE CONTROL)  
(OO:AT)

ReWFOairtel dated 4/23/62, captioned, "Request For Passport Files By HCUA On 50 Individuals Who Departed For Geneva, Switzerland, 4/1/62, Security Matter - Subversive Control," which stated the WFO to furnish Bureau and OO with information appearing in current passport applications of these individuals.

ReNYairtel dated 4/5/62, entitled, "Women's International Strike For Peace: Information Concerning (IS)," (Bufile 62-107350), set out names of individuals going to Geneva.

On 6/27/62, the current passport application for the captioned individual at the Passport Office, USDS, Washington, D. C., was reviewed by IC [REDACTED]. The following was contained therein: CORETTA SCOTT KING was issued passport C224842 on 3/28/62. This was valid for travel to all countries with the exception of Albania, Cuba, and those portions of China, Korea, and Viet-Nam under communist control.

In an application for the passport dated 3/27/62, at Atlanta, Georgia, the subject advised that she was born on 4/27/27, at Heiberger, Alabama. Her residence was listed as 653 Johnson Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

KING listed her father as OBIE SCOTT, who was born on 8/24/99, at Heiberger. Her mother was listed as BERNICE M. SCOTT, who was born on 2/11/05, at Heiberger.

She married MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. on 6/18/53. He was born on 1/15/29, at Atlanta, Georgia, and resided with the subject.

- 2 - Bureau
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(1-100-40190) (HCUA Request For Passports)

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KING planned on leaving the Idlewild Airport on or about 3/31/62. She planned on visiting Geneva, Switzerland, for about six days for pleasure.

The following physical description of CORETTA KING was obtained from her application for passport:

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| Height:     | 5' 4½"    |
| Hair:       | Black     |
| Eyes:       | Brown     |
| Marks:      | None      |
| Occupation: | Housewife |

Passport files further indicated that KING had been previously issued passport 313818 on 2/7/57.

Copies of a photograph, which the subject attached to her application for passport, will be forwarded to the Atlanta Office by routing slip when they have been processed. Copies of this photograph will also be forwarded to the New York Office in response to the referenced New York airtel dated 4/5/62.

4/22/64

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (100-3089-87-2)

CC, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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Bureau file 100-2-116  
Atlanta file 100-6526-D

CORRETTA SCOTT KING, ALA.  
MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(SECURITY MATTER)

Re Atlanta airtel dated 4/17/64, captioned as above.

The two copies designated for Birmingham Office dealing with CORRETTA SCOTT KING and accompanying Letterheads, have been furnished to the Mobile Office for handling. It is to be noted that Neiberger, Ala. is in Perry County which is covered by the Mobile Office.

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# Memorandum

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/19/64

FROM

SAC, BOSTON (100-35754) (RUC)

SUBJECT

CORETTA SCOTT KING, aka  
INFORMATION CONCERNING (SECURITY MATTER)

Re Atlanta letter to Bureau dated 4/17/64 with the dual caption, "CPUSA, NEGRO QUESTION; COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS; IS-C" and "CORETTA SCOTT KING, aka INFORMATION CONCERNING (SECURITY MATTER)."

Reference is also made to bulet to Atlanta dated 5/5/64 captioned, "COMMUNIST PARTY USA, NEGRO QUESTION; COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS; INTERNAL SECURITY-C."

Rebulet requested that investigation of CORETTA KING be discontinued.

This is to advise Boston has not conducted any investigation in this matter.

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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under court order of U.S. District Judge John Lewis  
Smith, Jr., and sent to National Archives.

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FBI

Date: 5/21/64

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (100-1740)(RUC)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
IS - C  
Bureau file 100-3-116  
Atlanta File 100-6520-D

CORETTA SCOTT KING, aka  
Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(SECURITY MATTER)

Re Atlanta letter to Bureau 4/17/64, Birmingham airtel to Bureau 4/22/64 and Bureau airtel to SACs Atlanta, Boston, Mobile and Washington Field 5/5/64 captioned COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS, IS - C.

Per instructions contained in Bureau airtel referenced above, Mobile is conducting no further investigation in this matter and inasmuch as it does not appear that any of the information developed by Mobile will be disseminated, no letterhead memorandum is being prepared in this matter.

On 4/28/64, prior to receipt of referenced Bureau airtel, a casual and discreet inquiry was made of Chief Deputy Sheriff S. W. MOOTY, Perry County Sheriff's Office,

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1 - Mobile  
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Approved: [Signature]  
JUN 4 1964 Special Agent in Charge

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Marion, Ala., as to the relatives of CORETTA SCOTT KING in that area. MOOTY stated that CORETTA KING was born and raised in an area in Perry County, Ala., known as "North Perry." Her father is OBIE SCOTT, who for years was known as an industrious individual and was well respected, however, in recent years, SCOTT has been mistrusted by both whites and Negroes. MOOTY stated that CORETTA KING obtained her college education "up north" and while attending school, she met and married MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Since KING has vaulted into prominence, OBIE SCOTT, his father-in-law, has taken advantage of KING's reputation and made trips to various counties outside of Perry County, Ala. and collected funds under KING's name for the alleged purpose of contributing it to KING's movement. This collecting of funds has been suspected by individuals in Perry County of being for SCOTT's own personal use and many Negroes in Perry County have expressed doubts that the funds ever reach the treasury of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference under Rev. KING.

As to subject, MOOTY advised that she seldom comes to the Perry County area. She has promoted no activities in the area, and apparently is concerned with other areas rather than Perry County, Ala.

Mobile file is being considered RUC in this matter.



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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Detroit (100-New)

MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are nine copies and for Atlanta three copies of an LHM concerning captioned subject.

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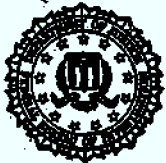
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Detroit, Michigan  
November 29, 1965

Re: Mrs. Martin Luther King

On November 29, 1965, Detective Lieutenant George Rollins, Special Investigations Bureau, Detroit, Michigan, Police Department, advised that Mrs. Martin Luther King, on November 28, 1965, spoke at the New Bethel Baptist Church, Linwood and Philadelphia, Detroit, Michigan.

"The Detroit Free Press", a Detroit daily metropolitan newspaper, in its November 29, 1965, edition, on Page 3, Section A, contained an article captioned, "Viet Policy Raked Mrs. King: Peace Warrior". This article, in part, stated, Mrs. King, wife of Martin Luther King, Jr., indicated that she and the civil rights movement may play an increasingly active role in the peace movement. Mrs. King said that she is not sure some American policymakers want a negotiated end to the war in Vietnam.

"I think there are people (in the government) who are sincere in feeling we can win the war with military might. I'm not sure they want it to end in any other way."

The article goes on to state that her appearance here followed her participation Saturday, November 27, 1965, in the March in Washington of 25,000 persons protesting American policy in Vietnam. Mrs. King was quoted as saying, "I was very sympathetic to the march and I share the goals of the peace groups."

Mrs. King further mentions in this article that she is involved in Women's Peace Movements. She stated that her husband's Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is not yet ready to expand into the peace movement but that a large percentage of the SCLC membership supports it.

"The civil rights movement and the peace movement must work together ultimately, because peace and civil rights are part of the same problem."

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Re: Mrs. Martin Luther King

The article continues by stating that Mrs. King said she is not sure that the United States has done all that is necessary to seek a negotiated peace in Vietnam.

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CORRELATION SUMMARY

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Main File No: 62-108052

Date: 12-7-65

Subject: Coretta Scott King

Date Searched: 8/19/65

*Summary*  
All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

~~Coretta Scott King~~  
~~Carlotta King~~  
~~Coretta King~~  
~~Coretta S. King~~  
~~Corretta King~~

~~Mrs. M.L. King~~  
~~Mrs. Martin L. King~~  
~~Mrs. Martin Luther King~~  
~~C. O. Scott~~  
~~Coretta Scott~~

*B.4-27-27  
Heiberger, ALA.*

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. In many cases the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

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# ABBREVIATIONS

Add. info.....Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Coretta Scott King can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary.

SCLC.....Southern Christian Leadership Conference

## RELATIVES WHO HAVE BUREAU MAIN FILES

The relationship, biographical data and activities of Coretta Scott King were set forth in the serials of the main file of her husband, Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the SCLC. These activities were in connection with her husband's work in the civil rights movement. She was in contact with various civil rights leaders, attended affairs and spoke at a few meetings. She traveled with her husband and was seen at the SCLC offices in Atlanta. Also set out was information pertaining to their marital problems:

### REFERENCE

### SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

|                                       |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 100-106670-9 p.2                      | (5)             |
| 40 p.1,2                              | (5, 12, 16, 18) |
| 67 p.1                                | (5)             |
| 339 encl. p.1                         | (5, 12)         |
| 364 p.3,50                            | (5, 12, 16)     |
| 409 encl. p.1                         | (5, 12)         |
| 451 encl. p.1-3                       | (5, 12, 16, 18) |
| 462 p.2                               | (12)            |
| 493 encl. p.2-3                       | (5, 13)         |
| 530 encl. p.2                         | (5, 13)         |
| 540 p.2,33                            | (5, 13)         |
| 555 encl. p.1                         | (5, 13)         |
| 722 p.1                               | (6, 13)         |
| 766 p.1                               | (13, 16)        |
| 896 p.1,2                             | (6, 13)         |
| 1431 encl. p.1,2                      | (6, 13)         |
| 1482 encl. p.1                        | (6, 13, 16, 18) |
| 1483 encl. p.1                        | (6, 13, 16, 18) |
| 1499 encl. p.1                        | (6, 13, 16, 18) |
| 1500 encl. p.1,3                      | (6, 14)         |
| 1510 encl. p.1                        | (6, 16)         |
| 1643 encl. p.1                        | (6, 14)         |
| -A "Chicago Sunday Sun Times" 5/20/62 | (6, 14, 17, 18) |
| Three Star Final Edition              |                 |

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The following references in the main file of [redacted] indicated that [redacted] received correspondence on 6-28-49 from C. Scott, on 7-2-49 from Concetta Scott and on 12-24-49 from Coretta Scott all from Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio. On 9-7-51 [redacted] received mail from C. Scott, Route 1, Box 158, Heiberger, Ala.

A college bulletin for 1949-1950 listed Coretta Scott of Heiberger, Alabama as a student at this college. It was determined that Coretta Scott, who resided in Heiberger had attended the New England Conservatory of Music and had sung on a program with Paul Robeson.

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An investigation did not definitely determine if Coretta Scott was identical with Concetta Scott.

| REFERENCE        | SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| 100-363992-5 p.2 | (19)                    |
| 10 p.5,8         | (18)                    |
| 28 p.3           | (18)                    |
| 44 p.5           | (18, 19)                |

[redacted] furnished a program of a "Montgomery Anniversary\* Concert" which was scheduled for 12-5-56 at Manhattan Center, NYC, and was sponsored by In Friendship (100-424895). This program listed musical selections by Coretta Scott King, with Jonathan Brice (not identified) at the piano. (U) ~~(C)~~

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100-424895-12 encl. p.10  
(17)

The 9-12-58 edition of the "New York Post" published an article entitled "The Story of Martin Luther King" which was excerpted from "Stride Toward Freedom", a book written by King. This article pertained to the harassment endured by the King family in Montgomery, Ala. during the period that the Negroes boycotted the buses there. Reference was made to the calm way his wife, Coretta King, had accepted this treatment. (Date of boycott not shown)

100-135-61-A "New York Post"  
9-12-58  
(4, 12)

\*First anniversary of the bus boycott in Montgomery, Ala.

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The 9-22-58 edition of the "New York Times" published an article captioned "Dr. King's Knifer Sent to Bellevue" which pertained to the stabbing of Martin Luther King in NYC, by Izola Curry. This article indicated that King's wife, Coretta King, had arrived in NYC, and after a brief visit with King told reporters that she felt no bitterness toward Mrs. Curry.

100-135-61-A "New York Times"  
9-22-58

(4,12)

The WFO furnished a summary of information regarding the Youth March for Integrated Schools, held 10-25-58 in Washington, D.C. One of the leaders of this march was Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., who also delivered a speech on the Negro struggle for emancipation. This speech was to have been delivered by her husband, who was convalescing from an assault. (text of speech set out)

62-101087-611 p.10, encl. No.2  
p.1,11,12

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A mail cover maintained during the approximate period 2/18/59 to 3/20/59 on the residence and place of business of Aubrey Willis Williams (100-52504), Montgomery, Alabama disclosed a postcard addressed to Williams and his wife from Coretta King and her husband, Martin. This communication was a personal message. (content not shown)

100-52504-55 p.13  
(4,12)

By letter dated 6/17/60 the American Embassy in Accra, Ghana, advised the State Department that the Government of Ghana had extended invitations to the Republic Inauguration Ceremonies to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Luther King of Atlanta and other Americans. (Date not given)

109-12-366-32 p.1  
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[redacted] advised that on 2-22-62 a rally was sponsored by the New York Friends of the SCLC (100-438794) to honor Mrs. Martin Luther King at the Mother A.M.E. Zion Church, NYC. (S)

(U) [redacted] advised that during a meeting of the Harlem 11th AD CP Club on 2-23-62 in NYC, [redacted] gave a report on the 2-22-62 King affair. (S)

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This serial identified [redacted] as a member of the New York District CP Board: (S) (U)

100-438794-15 p.21,24,25  
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[redacted] advised that prior to a meeting of the CP Caucus of the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People held on 4-5-62 in NYC, William Lorenzo Patterson (100-39) spoke about Mrs. Martin Luther King, who at that time was visiting the Geneva Peace Conference in Switzerland. He thought that this trip might influence King and her thinking by reason of possible Soviet contacts while in Geneva. Patterson stated he would like to see a reception for King held in Brooklyn on her return, in order that the Party might take advantage of her trip to Geneva in connection with its peace program. (S) (U)

100-39-413 encl. No. 2 p.1  
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On 4/1/62 [redacted] district sales manager, Swissair Airlines, Idlewild Airport, NYC, advised that the Women's International Strike for Peace (WISP) (62-107350) booked passage for 50 women on Flight 801 which departed from Idlewild on 4/1/62 due to arrive Geneva, Switzerland 4/2/62. This group had booked return flight 800 which would depart Zurich, Switzerland on 4/6/62, with a stopover in London, England and would arrive Idlewild on 4/7/62.

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On 4/2/62 Detective [redacted] Bureau of Special Services, NYC Police Department, furnished a list of the names and addresses of the delegates of WISP who boarded flight 801. Shown on this list was Carlotta King aka Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. 563 Johnson Avenue N.E. Atlanta, Ga., Passport No. C 224842.

62-107350-109 p.5

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SI 62-107350-96 p.1

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In reference to above the Atlanta Office was requested to furnish information maintained in their files pertaining to King. This Office advised that the 3/27/62 issue of "The Atlanta Journal" carried an article entitled "Lillian Smith, Georgia Writer, To Be Honored" which pertained to an autograph tea to be held at the Atlanta Biltmore on 3/31/62. King was listed as a hostess for this affair.

This reference identified Smith as a member of the Socialist Party, Workers Defense League and a member of the National Board of the American Civil Liberties Union.

62-107350-113 p.1 and encl. p.1

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SI 157-370-2-75 encl. p.1

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The 4/7/62 issue of the "People's World" published an article entitled "Women Deliver Peace Message to Geneva" which pertained to the "Women's International Strike for Peace" (62-107350) delegation which flew to Geneva to protest the testing of nuclear weapons. Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., was in this delegation. These women were received by the Soviet delegation chiefs at the Geneva conference, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Valerian Zorin and Semyon K. Tsarapkin.

62-107350-A "Peoples World" 4/7/62

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Files of the Atlanta Office revealed that on 6/6/62 Mrs. Martin Luther King, her husband, and other Negroes attempted to enter the King's Inn restaurant located in the Atlanta Cabana, Atlanta, for lunch. Admission was refused. Jay Sarno, part owner of the Atlanta Cabana invited the group to his office for lunch.

157-632-14 p.1  
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Bureau files revealed that the wives of Negro leaders in Albany, Georgia, Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mrs. Ralph Abernathy, Mrs. W.G. Anderson and Mrs. Wyatt Tee Walker applied to City Manager Stephen Roos of Albany for permission to stage two parades, a wives' and mothers' parade and a ministers' parade, on 8/10/62. Permission was refused.

157-6-2-616 p.1  
(9)

This reference is a teletype dated 4/16/63 from Birmingham which set out information pertaining to the behind-the-scenes maneuvering that went on in connection with the allegation that Martin Luther King, Jr., was being held incommunicado in the Birmingham City Jail.\* It was indicated that President Kennedy was perturbed over the report that King had not been permitted to call his wife, Mrs. Martin Luther King, over the Easter Sunday. On Monday 4/15/63 King was permitted to call his wife, however, the conversation was restricted to personal matters.

Attention was called to a UPI dispatch dated 4/15/63 at Atlanta which stated that Mrs. King reportedly telephoned President Kennedy, and the President told her that FBI Agents had talked to her husband in the Birmingham Jail on 4/14/63 and confirmed that he was all right.

Birmingham Office advised that no Agents had been in contact with King since his incarceration.

157-6-4-646 p.1-4  
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\*Arrested for defiance of court order barring racial protests.

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Bureau memo dated 4/17/63 stated that the Atlanta Office had advised that on 4/17/63 Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., Harry Belafonte and Mrs. Ralph Abernathy had reservations on Delta Flight 631 from Atlanta to Birmingham.

The Birmingham PD had furnished information that a group of Negroes were to meet on above date at the 16th St. Baptist Church to discuss voter registration matters and thereafter march on City Hall.

157-6-4-647 p.1

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SI 157-6-4-633 p.1

(9) (Chief of Police Jamie Moore, Birmingham)

Files of the Birmingham Office revealed that on 4/18/63 Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. visited her husband, Martin, who was confined in the Birmingham City Jail, and she also talked to members of the "the press" on the outside of this jail.

157-6-4-683 encl. p.2

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The 6/20/63 issue of the "National Guardian" contained an article entitled, "Women's Group Holds Its Annual National Conference," which revealed that the Women's Strike for Peace (WSP) (62-107350) met in Urbana, Ill., June 7-9, 1963. This article set out some of the accomplishments of this conference and indicated that a committee from WSP would consider a woman for President in 1964. Suggested candidates were Dagmar Wilson for President and Mrs. Martin Luther King for Vice-President.

This serial identified Wilson as the founder of WSP.

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62-107350-399 p.10,47,48

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[ ] advised that on 8/10/63 Mrs. Martin Luther King, in a discussion regarding the Dan River and Savannah activities, commented that Montgomery, Alabama "was the next project" and that they expected some "pretty rough going" because of the attitude of Governor Wallace. (no details set out)

157-6-61-261 encl. p.1  
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[ ] advised that the Women Strike for Peace (62-107350) was making plans to hold its second anniversary meeting on 11-1-63 at the National Baptist Memorial Church, 16th St., and Columbia Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. of the SCLC, was scheduled to speak at this affair. ~~CS~~

62-107350-393 encl. p.1  
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SI 62-107350-394 encl. p.1,2  
(3) (Congressman, August E. Johansen;  
announcement enclosed)

Detective [ ] Bureau of Special Services, NYC Police Department, advised that on 11-1-63 the Women's Strike for Peace (WSP) (62-107350) conducted a peace walk at the United Nations (UN) Plaza, 43rd St. and First Avenue, NYC, which ended at the Church Center of the UN. While at the UN Plaza, a delegation headed by Mrs. Martin Luther King and Dagmar Wilson, presented a scroll to U Thant, Secretary General of the UN, for his achievements in behalf of peace. King spoke at the Church Center on behalf of the peace and the civil rights movements. She was presented a scroll which pledged support of the WSP in the civil rights movement.

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This serial indicated that Wilson was the founder of WSP.

62-107350-395 encl. p.1  
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SI 100-12304-687 p.2 and encl.  
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100-438794-69 p.2  
(7,14)  
SI 100-4/2529-578 p.10,44,46,48  
(8,15)

SI 100-438794-75 p.7  
(7,14)

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By letter dated 2/14/64 the Atlanta Office made reference to a Bureau letter to Atlanta dated 2/12/64 which indicated that there was some indication that Coretta King might have been carrying on an illicit affair, thus accounting for her apparent condoning of the acts of her husband, Martin Luther King, Jr.

Atlanta advised in this letter that they had received no information to this effect, however, it was believed that she was aware of King's extra marital activities.

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It was believed that Coretta was interested in preserving King's image due to the good life that she was living because of his position.

100-3-116-898 p.1,2  
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On 3-9-64 Stanley Levison, Martin Luther King and Ralph Abernathy were observed to depart from the SCLC (100-438794) offices Atlanta, and proceed to a 1963 Rambler registered to Coretta Scott King.

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This serial indicated that Levison was a secret member of the CP in July, 1963 and was Martin King's "assistant chief," and Abernathy was treasurer of the SCLC. ~~SECRET~~

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100-438794-95 p.13-15  
(7, 14, 17, 19)

On 5-26-64 [redacted] assistant manager, Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, 5th Ave. and 57th St., NYC, advised that a regular checking account of Martin L. and Coretta S. King, Atlanta, Ga. was located in that bank.

Arrangements were made with [redacted] to monitor this account on a monthly basis.

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100-3-116-2087 p.3  
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[redacted] advised that on 8/19/64 Coretta King was in contact with an unknown man at which time she related that President Johnson had arranged a meeting with Negro leaders, and her husband, Martin King, had been invited. She stated he would refuse because he thought that he would be unable to exert much influence inasmuch as Roy Wilkins would be the leader, and that Wilkins and the others would merely be "yes men" for the President. Martin, Coretta said, would send his recommendations by telegram. In continuing, Coretta stated that the President had sought out Martin on several occasions for private meetings but did not want the meetings made public. She advised that Martin had balked at talking on the phone with the President because Martin felt he had a matter to discuss of such importance that he had to meet the President.

100-3-116-2215 encl. p.5,6  
(4,12)

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100-438794-127 encl. p.1  
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(U) [redacted] ascertained that in September, 1964 Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. expressed her thanks to Stanley Levison for his support and contribution to the campaign "of our friend," Donald Hollowell. (No details set out).

(U) This serial indicated that Levison of NYC was a secret member of the CP in July, 1963 and that he was associated with the SCLC (100-438794). ~~A-S~~

100-438794-296 p.3  
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100-438794-210 p.5  
(7, 14)

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100-442529-466 encl. p.1,2  
(8, 15)  
SI 100-442529-448 p.2  
(8, 15) (NY 4212-S\*)  
SI 62-5-21108  
(1, 2, 11, 16) (U.S. Information Agency and State Department) (add. info.)

(U) [redacted] advised that during a meeting of the North West District of the CP, held on 1/30/65 at Washington Hall, Seattle, Washington, it was announced that members should work to actively support a public concert which was to be held at Garfield High School on the occasion of Mrs. Martin Luther King's arrival in the Seattle area. [redacted] attended this meeting. ~~(S)~~

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Bureau Agents who observed the activity of the civil rights movement in Selma, Alabama which pertained to the registration of Negro voters advised that on 2/4/65 Mrs. Martin Luther King and Mrs. Ralph Abernathy appeared at the Browns Chapel, AME Church. During their stay at the church they contacted several civil rights leaders and indicated that they would attempt to see their husbands who were in the city jail.

Records of the Selma Police Department revealed that Martin King and Ralph Abernathy were arrested on 2/1/65 and charged with failure to obey an order of an officer and violation of the parade ordinance.

44-12831-324 encl. p.14  
(25)

[ ] advised that on 2/10/65 during a meeting of the Women for Legislative Action held at 732 North Highland Avenue, Los Angeles, it was announced that the Women's Strike for Peace (WSP) (62-107350) was giving a luncheon on 3-6-65 to honor Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. (S) (U)

[ ] advised that the WSP held a brunch in honor of King on 3/6/65 at the Beverly Hills Hotel. (S) (U)

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The 3/7/65 issue of the "Los Angeles Times" carried an article entitled "Mrs. King Asks Women To Help In Rights Fight." This article related that 550 members and guests of WSP attended this meeting. (No details set out)

62-107350-576 p.10,25  
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[ ] advised that Mrs. Martin Luther King appeared as a speaker at Garfield High School, Seattle, Washington, on 3/9/65. A reception which followed this meeting was held at the Mount Zion Baptist Church. (S) (U)

[ ] identified some of the individuals in attendance at this reception as members of the CP in Seattle. (S) (U)

100-442529-969 p.8  
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SI 157-6-50-238 p.1  
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SI 157-6-50-232 p.2  
(9) ("Seattle Times" 1/24/65)

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100-439190-359 p.23  
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44-28544-140 encl. p.1  
(2, 11)

The 3/22/65 edition of "The Charlotte Observer" contained an article entitled "Mrs. King Speaks at A and T College." This speech pertained to the spirit of the Selma to Montgomery civil rights march. (No details were set out)

This serial indicated that the A and T College was the Agricultural and Technical College, Greensboro, North Carolina.

157-6-8-1256 encl. p.8  
(9, 15)

Bureau Agents who observed the March From Selma To Montgomery, Alabama, 3/21/65 through 3/25/65 (44-28544) advised that on 3/24/65 after the lunch break across from Dannelly Field, Montgomery, Alabama the march resumed under the leadership of Martin Luther King, Jr., Mrs. Martin Luther King, Tony Bennett, Tony Perkins and his wife. (no details set out)

44-28544-374 p.23  
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This reference is a Bureau memorandum dated 4/1/65 which pertained to a conversation between Governor Leroy Collins, (62-101828) and a Bureau official in regard to Collins' criticism of the FBI in regard to discrimination in employment of Negroes. During this conversation Collins was furnished information concerning Martin Luther King and informed that Coretta King had stated that Collins was blinded by prejudice. (Director's Notation)

62-101828-16 p.1  
(2,110)

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100-438794-293 p.1,2  
(7,140)

The 4/4/65 issue of "The Detroit Free Press" contained an article captioned "800 Fete Mother of Negro Revolt" that pertained to a dinner given in honor of Rosa Louise Parks, who touched off the Negro boycott of the Montgomery, Alabama bus system in 1955. Coretta Scott King was the speaker at this affair which was held in Cobo Hall, Detroit, Mich. on 4/3/65.

The 4/4/65 issue of "The Detroit News" published an article captioned "Dr. King's Wife Here, Bares 5,000 - Student Protest Plan" which pertained to a massive civil rights campaign in the South during the summer of 1965 by college students. This article revealed that Ralph Abernathy (100-442706) accompanied Mrs. King to Detroit.

100-442706-6 encl. p.1  
(8,15,17,19)  
SI 100-442706-5 encl. p.2  
(8) (George Rollins, Special Investigations Bureau, Detroit Police Department)

The "Hyde Park Herald," a south side Chicago newspaper, of 4/28/65, carried an article which revealed that Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) member in Atlanta, Georgia, would speak on the theme "Peace, Jobs and Freedom" at the Fifteenth Anniversary Celebration of the WILPF to be held 5/1/65 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago.

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On 5/7/65 [redacted]

[redacted] (protect identity) furnished information pertaining to the WILPF Anniversary Celebration which included remarks made by King in reference to the civil rights situation throughout the country.

The "Chicago Sunday American" of 5/2/65 published an article entitled "Rev. King's Wife Hints New Rights Drive Here This Summer" which indicated that King met with newsmen in the Conrad Hilton on 5/1/65 at which time she commented on the drive for voter registration in the South.

Subject of this reference "Chicago Chapter WILPF"

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61-1538-615 encl. p.1-3  
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On 6/8/65 Bureau Agents observed the "Emergency Rally On Viet Nam" which was held in Madison Square Garden, NYC, under the sponsorship of the National Committee and the Greater New York Council for a Sane Nuclear Policy together with supporting organizations. Mrs. Martin Luther King was a speaker at this rally.

105-138315-1058 encl. p.2  
(9)

[redacted] advised that on 6/8/65 during a meeting of the Southern California Council of the Women's International Strike for Peace (WISP) held in Los Angeles, Mary Leona Clarke (100-395252) discussed the proposal of a conference between American and North Vietnam women. This conference was to be held from June 29 through July 4, 1965 at Djakarta, Indonesia. Clark stated that Coretta King, a life-member of WISP, had been tentatively selected to attend this conference. King had indicated that she was planning a trip abroad during the summer of 1965 and if she could work this trip into her schedule she would be pleased to attend. (C)

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In reference to above, records of the Northwest Airlines, 504 West 6th St., Los Angeles, indicated that the WISP group was scheduled to depart Seattle, on 7/10/65. As of 6/29/65, the list of passengers did not include Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. and [redacted] district sales manager, Northwest Airlines, Inc., indicated that this was not a complete list of passengers. (C) (U)

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Correlator's Note: Serial 117 of this file set out a list of names of the WISP delegation which did not include Mrs. King.

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100-442529-1228 encl. p.3  
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SI 100-442529-1230 p.1, 2  
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REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following reference on Mrs. Martin Luther King located in files maintained in the Special File Room of the Record Branch, Files and Communications Division, was reviewed and found to be identical with the subject of this summary; however, the information contained therein has not been included.

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

105-67845-12114

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See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Differences in source will be noted on the search slip.

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1135

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1136

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CORETTA SCOTT KING

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To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

From: SAC, TAMPA (157- (Q)

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GENERAL INVEST. DIV.

☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.Subject: Mrs. CORRETA S. KING, aka  
Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 10-19-82 BY SP4 ESW/TH

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64 ☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF  
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters  
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

## Summary of Complaint:

On 2/7/66 Capt. WALTER G. TIPTON, NA, St. Petersburg, Florida PD advised that [redacted]

[redacted] has advised that subject will appear in St. Petersburg 3/10/66 for a concert at Pasadena Community Church, 112 70th Street South. He stated that the Children's Interracial Organization will sponsor subject, and that [redacted] is chairman of the concert committee.

TIPTON advised that [redacted] has advised that subject will arrive at Tampa International Airport, Tampa, Florida, 12:55 p.m. via EAL Flight 181, 3/10/66 and had requested police protection.

While in St. Petersburg subject will reside at the Princess Martha Hotel, 1st Avenue North and 4th Street, St. Petersburg.

ACTION: UACB:

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☒ No further action being taken and☐ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA

- 3 - Bureau (RM) ☐ LHM being submitted  
 1 - Atlanta (Info) (RM) ☐ Report being submitted

- 1 - Tampa (1-100-74) ☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
 JEW:lm ☐ Limited investigation instituted  
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Approved: [Signature] MAR 2 1966  
Special Agent in Charge

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TIPTON advised that subject would not be afforded a police escort from Tampa to St. Petersburg but that police personnel would be at the concert to handle whatever situation might arise.

The "St. Petersburg Times", St. Petersburg, 2/12/66, reported that subject would appear at a Freedom Concert at 8:00 p.m. 3/10/66 at Pasadena Community Church and that the Children's Interracial Organization, the sponsor, is the governing body for the Happy Workers Nursery - Kindergarten, 920 19th Street South, a member of the United Fund. Co-chairmen of the concert are [redacted]

[redacted] head and [redacted] principal of [redacted]

Tampa files contain no pertinent derogatory information concerning [redacted]

For information of Bureau and Atlanta.

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Date: 3/1/66

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD

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By \_\_\_\_\_

To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

From: SAC, TAMPA (157-2508)

☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

GENERAL INVEST. DIV.

Subject: MRS. CORRETA S. KING, aka

☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.MRS. C. S. KING☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PI☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters☐ Klan ☐ Organization

Summary of Complaint

ReTPairtel 2/14/66.

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LHM has been disseminated locally to Secret Service and INTC, Tampa, Fla., OSI, Robins AFB, Ga. and ONI, Charleston, S. C.

For info of Atlanta, in the event Mrs. KING contacts Atlanta re receipt of the letter from Tampa.

Bureau will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

- 3 - Bureau (Encs 10)  
2 - Atlanta (Encs 2) (RM)  
3 - Tampa  
(1 - 80-139)

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ACTION: UACB:

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☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
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Tampa indices negative re AL GARCIA and the  
Spanish American Society.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

March 1, 1966

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: MRS. CORRETA S. KING

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
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6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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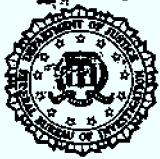
Very truly yours,

*John Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (RM)  
U. S. Secret Service, Tampa, Fla.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Tampa, Florida  
March 1, 1966

MRS. CORRETA S. KING, also known  
as Mrs. Martin Luther King

On February 28, 1966, Lieutenant CHARLES MEYERS,  
St. Petersburg, Florida, Police Department, made available  
to a Special Agent of the FBI a Xerox copy of a copy of the  
following quoted letter:

"Tampa, Florida  
Feb. 21, 1966

"Mrs. C. S. KING  
c/o 332 Auburn Ave. Ne  
Atlanta, Ga., 30303

"Dear Mrs. King,

"We have made arrangements with one of the  
local produce markets to purchase their over-  
ripe fruit and rotten eggs in preparation for  
your singing trip here.

"We hope we will get a chance to present  
this fruit and eggs to you.

"Yours truly,

"/s/ ~~AL GARCIA~~  
Spanish American Society

"copy to [redacted]

Lieutenant MEYERS stated that the above-mentioned  
copy was received [redacted]  
[redacted] and was made available to the Police  
Department by [redacted] on February 25, 1966.

Lieutenant MEYERS stated that Mrs. KING's concert  
in St. Petersburg will be held at the Pasadena Community  
Church.

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MRS. CORRETA S. KING

Lieutenant MEYERS advised that he has contacted the Intelligent Unit of the Tampa, Florida, Police Department, and has been advised that AL GARCIA and the Spanish American Society are not known to that agency.

Lieutenant MEYERS advised that he is going to contact [redacted] to determine if their copies of above referred to letter were transmitted in envelopes postmarked Tampa, Florida.

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FBI

Date: 3/12/66

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Via

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To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

From: SAC, TAMPA (157-2508) (C) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.

☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

Subject: MRS. CORRETA S. KING, aka

☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 10-19-82 BY SP4 E2w/gh

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters☐ Klan ☐ Organization

Summary of Complaint:

ReTPairtel, 3/1/66.

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Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD SS

Date Forw. MAR 16 1966

How Forw. 7-5

By: [Signature] / RACIAL UNIT

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ACTION: UACB:

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Approved: [Signature]

MAR 25 1966

Special Agent in Charge

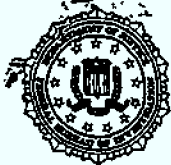
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Post Office Box 3301  
Tampa, Florida 33601  
March 12, 1966

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Mrs. Correta S. King,  
Also Known As  
Mrs. Martin Luther King

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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U. S. Secret Service, Tampa

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Post Office Box 3301  
Tampa, Florida 33601  
March 12, 1966

MRS. CORRETA S. KING, Also Known As  
Mrs. Martin Luther King

Reference is made to Tampa communication dated  
March 1, 1966.

On March 11, 1966, Lieutenant Charles Meyers,  
St. Petersburg, Florida, Police Department, advised that  
Mrs. Correta S. King arrived at the Tampa International  
Airport, Tampa, Florida, at 12:55 PM, on March 10, 1966,  
and came directly to St. Petersburg, Florida.

Her appearance in concert at the Pasadena  
Community Church, St. Petersburg, Florida, on the night  
of March 10, 1966, and her stay at the Princess Martha  
Hotel, were without incident.

She left St. Petersburg about 7:30 AM on  
March 11, 1966, to catch an 8:25 AM Eastern Airlines plane  
for Atlanta, Georgia.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (62-NEW) (C)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, 9/24-25/66  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed herewith are 11 copies of a LHM suitable for dissemination concerning the appearance of Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., at New Orleans.

ICG, Secret Service and USA, New Orleans, being furnished copies of LHM.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
September 23, 1966

VISIT OF MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,  
SEPTEMBER 24 - 25, 1966

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On September 21, 1966, [redacted]  
[redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, telephone number  
[redacted] telephonically advised that he had been instructed  
to furnish information concerning Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s  
appearance in New Orleans to the FBI. [redacted] furnished  
the following information:

Mrs. King is due to arrive in New Orleans via  
Delta flight on Saturday, September 24, 1966, at 10:40 AM.  
She will travel in a motorcade from the airport to the Peter  
Claver Building, 1821 Orleans Avenue, New Orleans, where she  
is scheduled to be from 12:00 noon until 12:30 PM. Upon  
leaving the Peter Claver Building, she will go to the Roosevelt  
Hotel, where she will remain until 7:00 PM, where she will  
attend a reception at the residence of [redacted]

[redacted] She is scheduled to leave the  
reception at 8:00 PM and will return to the Roosevelt. She  
will leave the Roosevelt Hotel at approximately 2:30 PM,  
September 25, 1966, and go to the Municipal Auditorium, where  
she will arrive at about 2:45 PM for her performance there.  
As of this time [redacted] does not know when Mrs. King  
will depart from New Orleans, but he feels it will be on the  
night of September 25, 1966. He said that no press conferences  
or interviews have been scheduled for Mrs. King.

On September 22, 1966, at 8:30 AM, Special Agent  
[redacted] 112th Intelligence Corps Group, New Orleans,  
was advised of the above.

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TO: SAC, JACKSON

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

TRAVEL OF MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

INFORMATION CONCERNING.

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Information received from Department indicating [redacted] Memphis, Tenn. contacted D. R. Owens, Civil Rights Division of the Department and advised Mrs. King traveling by car to Grenada, Miss. to attend unknown benefit 11/13/66. She will return at 7:00 P.M. same date. Mr. Owens requested that our Jackson Office advise Miss. Hiway Patrol and local authorities of Mrs. King's presence in their state.

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- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore

April 23, 1968

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

CORETTA KING  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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Governor Rockefeller also extended an invitation to Mrs. King and her family to get together with his family when things settle down.

The above information is also being furnished to the White House.

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NOTE: See memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan, dated 4/19/68, captioned "Coretta King, Security Matter - Communist," prepared by DMW:ekw.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;  
SCLC - RACIAL MATTERS

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ReNY teletype 4/17/68.

There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of  
an LHM containing information from [redacted] on 4/17/68,  
concerning contacts between STANLEY LEVISON and DORA MC DONALD  
and STANLEY LEVISON and CORETTA KING on that date.

The source used to characterize STANLEY LEVISON  
is NY 694-S\* [redacted] (U)

This LHM is classified "SECRET" because it contains  
information from [redacted] a source engaged in furnishing  
information about racial matters in the US and Communist  
influence therein. It also is classified "SECRET" because it  
contains a concentration of information from NY 694-S\* in the  
characterization of STANLEY LEVISON. [redacted] (U)

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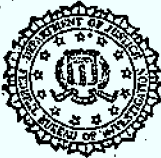
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

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Martin Luther King, Jr.;  
Southern Christian Leadership Conference  
(SCLC) - Racial Matters

On April 17, 1968, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, ascertained that on that date Stanley Levison was in contact with Dora McDonald, Secretary to Martin Luther King, Jr., deceased head of the SCLC, and thereafter Coretta King, wife of Martin Luther King. McDonald told Levison that "Meet the Press" wants Ralph Abernathy, successor to Martin Luther King as head of the SCLC, to appear on this program as soon as possible and Coretta King at a later date. She stated that she had not talked to Abernathy who was still in Memphis. Levison questioned if Martin Luther King had not been scheduled to appear on "Face the Nation" then added that "Meet the Press" was the roughest one. He said he had talked with Abernathy and advised him not to appear on "Face the Nation" at the present time because he believed Abernathy was gambling with his reputation and if Abernathy "falls on his face" he would do so before the whole nation. He said Abernathy agreed. Levison added that as far as Abernathy is concerned, it would be best if he put off any appearance until just before the Washington Campaign (Poor People's Campaign scheduled for Washington, D.C.) and that Abernathy acknowledged that he needs to study up on current legislation and political facts. *(S)u*

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Levison referred to Coretta King's possible appearance at the major mass anti-Vietnam war demonstration scheduled for New York City on April 27, 1968. He said he had checked with Dave Dellinger's (National Director, National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam) office and that he, Levison, feels that it is alright for her to appear on this program and also to participate in the Mothers' March (in Washington, D.C. in connection with the Poor People's Campaign) as long as she does not do anything else.

Levison then told Coretta King that he had checked with Dave Dellinger's office and that there is a good platform so that if she is inclined to participate, they should be promptly advised so they can have the benefit of the publicity. He emphasized that she should not do other things because it would be too much exposure. Comparing her situation with that of Jackie Kennedy, Coretta commented that she believes many people see that her life was not the same, that people understand how she was "in the picture" and have now given her a mandate that she must remain "in the picture". Levison agreed but counselled this should be done gradually and in good taste.

Coretta asked about requests for articles about herself and Levison advised that, as a general principle, proceeds for such articles should go to her because the subject of the articles will command the price. He said if thousands are paid for an article, then a few hundred is all the writer is entitled to.

Levison mentioned that Grosset and Dunlap, an old publishing firm, is coming out with a book, "I Had A Dream", about Martin Luther King which is unauthorized. He said Harper and Rowe are willing to have their lawyers prepare an injunction preventing or stopping the publication and distribution of this book, but a telegram is needed from Coretta to proceed. Levison then read a telegram for her signature and she agreed to have Dora McDonald send it immediately.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Coretta discussed requests she had received for appearances and Levison stated that she would receive many requests but that she will have to be selective and turn many down. He counselled that she should adopt the position that, for the present, she feels that activity in King's behalf has to be toward his memorial and that it would not serve anyone if her name is used by everyone. He added that this says she is using her name in the area she knows would be closest to King, his family and his organization. He said it is important in preserving the strength of a name that it not be overused.

Finally, Levison asked if Coretta wanted him to contact Dave Dellinger. She stated that he should call Dellinger and point out that her exposure must be limited and that she must be protected because she is only doing the things she feels very strongly about, that is, those things that are related to the work of her husband.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), in July, 1963. In late 1963, and early, 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in his position on civil rights. His differences with the CP, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism. (S)

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FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (CLASSIFY "SECRET") ON EVENING APRIL  
NINETEEN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT: FRANK REISMAN (PHONETIC) (HEAD  
OF AN INSTITUTE ON NEW CAREERS FOR NEGROES) CONTACTED STANLEY LEVISON  
AND INQUIRED IF ANDREW YOUNG WOULD CHAIR MEETING OF APRIL TWENTY  
SECOND IN NEW YORK CITY. SAID THAT PARTICIPANTS INVITED WOULD INCLUDE  
(FLOYD) MC KISSICK, JAMES (FARMER), DOROTHY HEIGHT, JACK  
CONWAY AND LYLE CARTER (ALL PHONETIC) AND THAT (ROY) WILKENS WOULD  
HAVE REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT. ON SAME DATE ANDREW YOUNG AND  
LEVISON DISCUSSED ARTICLE FOR "LOOK" WHICH LEVISON SAID WOULD  
PUSH YOUNG FORWARD IN INTELLECTUAL ROLE. LEVISON ALSO TOLD APR 23 1968  
YOUNG THAT AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS WOULD PAY YOUNG FIVE  
HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR APPEARANCE DURING MIDDLE OF MAY AND THAT  
YOUNG SHOULD PUT THIS ON HIS SCHEDULE. YOUNG AGREED WITH

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LEVISON THAT SCLC SHOULD GO FOR MORE NEGRO MEMBERSHIP BECAUSE THEIR DIRECT MAILING IS TOO WHITE. LATER ON SAME DATE YOUNG CONTACTED

LEVISON'S WIFE WHO SAID STANLEY WANTED YOUNG TO KNOW THAT HE, LEVISON, FELT RALPH ABERNATHY SHOULD ATTEND CONFERENCE IN NYC

ON APRIL TWENTY SECOND NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT WITH YOUNG. YOUNG

SAID HE FAVORED WALTER FAUNTROY (FORMER DIRECTOR WASHINGTON BUREAU OF SCLC) AS CHAIRMAN. ON APRIL TWENTY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, SOURCE

FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION: CLARENCE JONES TOLD LEVISON

HE HAD BEEN CALLED BY (SENATOR EUGENE) MC CARTHY'S PEOPLE ABOUT

INVITATION FOR CORETTA KING TO ATTEND RALLY IN MADISON SQUARE

GARDEN, MAY NINETEEN, NOT TO ENDORSE MC CARTHY BUT TO GET MONEY FOR MARCH (POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN). LEVISON SAID SHE IS NOT GOING TO ENDORSE

ANYONE AT PRESENT. SAID HE WOULD TALK TO YOUNG AND ABERNATHY

OVER WEEKEND AND LET JONES KNOW. ON SAME DATE LEVISON AND HARRY

BELAFONTE DISCUSSED PROPOSED BOOK BY CORETTA KING. LEVISON SAID

HOLT PUBLISHERS HAD OFFERED SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

WITH ASSURANCE IT IS BOOK THEY WILL BE WILLING TO INVEST IN, A

HUMAN STORY LIKE "MY LIFE WITH MARTIN KING." SAID "MC CALL'S"

WANTS TO DO SERIAL RIGHTS AND WILL PAY SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS WHICH IS PART OF SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

BELAFONTE REFERRED TO A GATHERING (NOT SPECIFIED) WHERE ABERNATHY

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SPOKE WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY TWELVE TO FIFTEEN THOUSAND PEOPLE.  
HE SAID THEY RAISED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND MADE SIXTYFIVE  
THOUSAND DOLLARS NET. BELAFONTE AND LEVISON ALSO DISCUSSED HOW  
TO HANDLE UNAUTHORIZED SOLICITATIONS FOR MONEY FOR KING MEMORIAL.

JOAN DAVIS, PUBLISHER'S REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED TO LEVISON THAT  
HE MAKE NOTES ON KING SINCE HE IS ONLY PERSON WHO KNEW HIM

INTIMATELY AND KNOWS HOW TO WRITE WITH AUTOBIOGRAPHY IN MIND.

SOURCE FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON APRIL TWENTY FIRST:

WALTER FAUNTROY CONTACTED LEVISON AND AGREED TO CHAIR MEETING  
IN NEW YORK CITY ON APRIL TWENTY SECOND. LEVISON SAID MEETING

WOULD BE HELD CARNEGIE INTERNATIONAL CENTER, NEW YORK CITY TO

FORMULATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR "MARCH ON WASHINGTON." LEVISON  
SAID THEY WOULD WORK ON PARTS DEALING WITH JOBS, HOUSING, EDUCATION

AND ADEQUATE INCOME. LEVISON LATER TOLD JOAN DAVIS HE STRONGLY  
ADVISES AGAINST FILING OF INJUNCTION AGAINST GROSSET AND DUNLAP

(PUBLISHERS OF UNAUTHORIZED BOOK ON KING) BECAUSE OF PUBLICITY  
THAT WILL BE INVOLVED.

*Memo*  
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April 23, 1968

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- 1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

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Mrs. Mildred Stegall  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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ON 8-21-80

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Mrs. Mildred Stegall

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TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON  
FROM ATLANTA

CORETTA SCOTT KING, SM-C.

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ON APRIL TWO FOUR LAST [REDACTED] (PROB)

(RELIABLE IN PAST) ADVISED [REDACTED] ON THAT DATE SAID KING  
WOULD PARTICIPATE IN A FUNCTION OF THE WOMENS INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE  
FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM TO BE HELD APRIL TWO SEVEN NEXT IN NEW YORK  
CITY. INFORMANT COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER DETAILS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON APRIL TWO FIVE INSTANT COULD FURNISH NO PERTINENT  
INFORMATION. IN ONE NINE SIX ONE [REDACTED] WAS A MEMBER OF PALO ALTO,  
CALIFORNIA, COMMUNIST CLUB. FOR INFORMATION. LHM FOLLOWS. (U)

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

To: SAC, Atlanta

From: Director, FBI

CORETTA KING  
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[redacted] advised recently that Stanley Levison, long-time secret Communist Party member, has been in contact with Coretta King, widow of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., twice and counseled her relative to public appearances and finances. It is apparent that Mrs. King is relying heavily on Levison's advice. At his instruction she has agreed to appear at a mass anti-Vietnam war demonstration scheduled for Central Park, New York, New York, on April 27, 1968. He has also counseled her to appear before the Mothers' march in connection with the "Poor People's Campaign" in the Nation's Capital.

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In view of the above, the Atlanta Office should immediately open a case on Mrs. King and conduct a discreet investigation to follow her activities through established informants and sources. You should furnish the Bureau with the results of a file review concerning Mrs. King's background and activities in a form suitable for dissemination.

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NOTE: See memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan, dated 4/19/68, captioned "Coretta King, Security Matter - Communist," prepared by DMW:ekw.

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# Memorandum

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TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: April 19, 1968

FROM : MR. G. C. MOORE *from*

SUBJECT: CORETTA KING  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

## PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination is information concerning Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York contacting Coretta King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC). Also attached is an airtel to Atlanta instructing them to conduct a discreet investigation of Mrs. King because of the subversive influence being exerted on her.

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## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

[redacted] has advised that recently Mrs. King, while in conference with Stanley Levison, long-time secret Communist Party member and former principal advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr., advised him that Governor Nelson Rockefeller had contacted her and asked her if SCLC needed any money or if she personally needed money. She referred Governor Rockefeller to Andrew Young, Executive Vice President, SCLC, on both of these questions.

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## OBSERVATIONS:

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It would appear that the President and the Attorney General would be interested in this information.

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
RE: CORETTA KING

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For your information, [ ] has advised that Mrs. King has been in contact with Levison twice for advice concerning her personal appearances and finances.

It is apparent that Levison will continue to play a dominant role in the affairs of Mrs. King and the SCLC.

By separate communication we are instructing the Atlanta Office to conduct a discreet investigation of Mrs. King so that we can continue to fulfill our responsibilities relative to the subversive influence in racial matters.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) The attached letters be sent to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House and the Attorney General.

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(2) The attached airtel be sent to the Atlanta Office instructing them to conduct a discreet investigation of Mrs. King.

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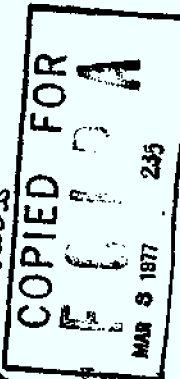
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-66631)

RE: CORETTA S. KING, aka  
Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(SM-C; RM)AGENCY: ACSI, ~~ISI~~, OSI; SEC. SER:~~ISD~~ ORD. RAO ~~OTO~~

DATE FORW: 5/2/68

FORW: ~~IS~~BY: ~~IS~~

On 4/29/68, [redacted] (a currently active Security Informant of continuing value) telephonically advised she had received an announcement that day indicating that Mrs. KING is scheduled to speak at 8:15 p.m., 5/10/68, at the Olympic Auditorium, 1801 South Grand, Los Angeles. Topic of Mrs. KING's address was not indicated, however, informant was of the opinion it would be an attempt to tie the anti-Vietnam war movement to the civil rights movement. (U)

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There are enclosed for the Bureau eight copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) containing information concerning Mrs. KING's projected speech. One information copy each is being furnished to Atlanta, Memphis, Birmingham and Kansas City. (U)

A copy of the enclosed LHM is being furnished to Region II, 115th MI. U. S. Army, Pasadena; Secret Service, and U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles.

Instant LHM is classified ~~confidential~~ to protect who has been designated a source. one. (U)

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C.C. Bishop



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Los Angeles, California  
April 29, 1968

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CORETTA S. KING  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(SECURITY MATTER - C);  
RACIAL MATTER

The following information was furnished on April 29, 1968 by source one, who has furnished reliable information in the past: ~~(S)~~ (U)

The Women for Legislative Action (WLA) (see appendix) is contacting its membership throughout Southern California to advise them that Coretta S. King, widow of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, is scheduled to speak at a public meeting at 8:15 p.m., May 10, 1968, at the Olympic Auditorium, 1801 South Grand, Los Angeles. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The topic of Mrs. King's projected speech has not been indicated by WLA, however, source was of the opinion it would be an attempt to tie the anti-Vietnam movement to the civil rights movement. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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APPENDIX

WOMEN FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

A source advised on May 1, 1963, that the Women for Legislative Action was formed in 1952, claiming to be an independent organization dedicated to non-partisan participation in legislative and civic activities. Its position in favoring or opposing legislation usually parallels the position of the Communist Party and related groups. It also supports legislation to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Membership in the Women for Legislative Action does not, of itself, connote membership in or sympathy with the Communist Party.

Another source advised on May 11, 1967, that the Women for Legislative Action continues to be active in the Los Angeles area.

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ReAttel to Bureau 4/25/68 captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and seven copies, and for New York one, of LHM.

Source referred to is [ ] (PROB). (C) (U)

Source utilized to characterize [ ]  
is [ ] (C) (U)The enclosed LHM has been classified ~~Confidential~~  
because the disclosure of information furnished by source to  
unauthorized persons could jeopardize source's security.AGENCY: ACSI, ~~CHI~~, OSI; SEC. SER:~~DEF~~; ISD. CRD, RAO ~~EDR~~

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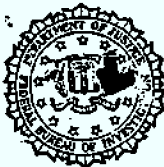
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CORRETTA SCOTT KING

On April 24, 1968, a confidential source advised that according to information available to [REDACTED] CORRETTA SCOTT KING, widow of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., would on April 27, 1968, participate in a function of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom to be held in New York City. (S) (U)

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Source could furnish no further details regarding this matter. (S) (U)

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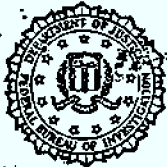
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April 26, 1968~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Title CORRETTA SCOTT KING

Character

Reference Atlanta Memorandum dated and captioned  
as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
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TO : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr. *[Signature]*

DATE: May 15, 1968

FROM : S. J. Papich *[Signature]*

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SUBJECT: MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING  
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## ACTION:

The above information is being directed to the  
attention of the Racial Intelligence Section.

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- 1 - G. C. Moore *[Signature]*
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Papich

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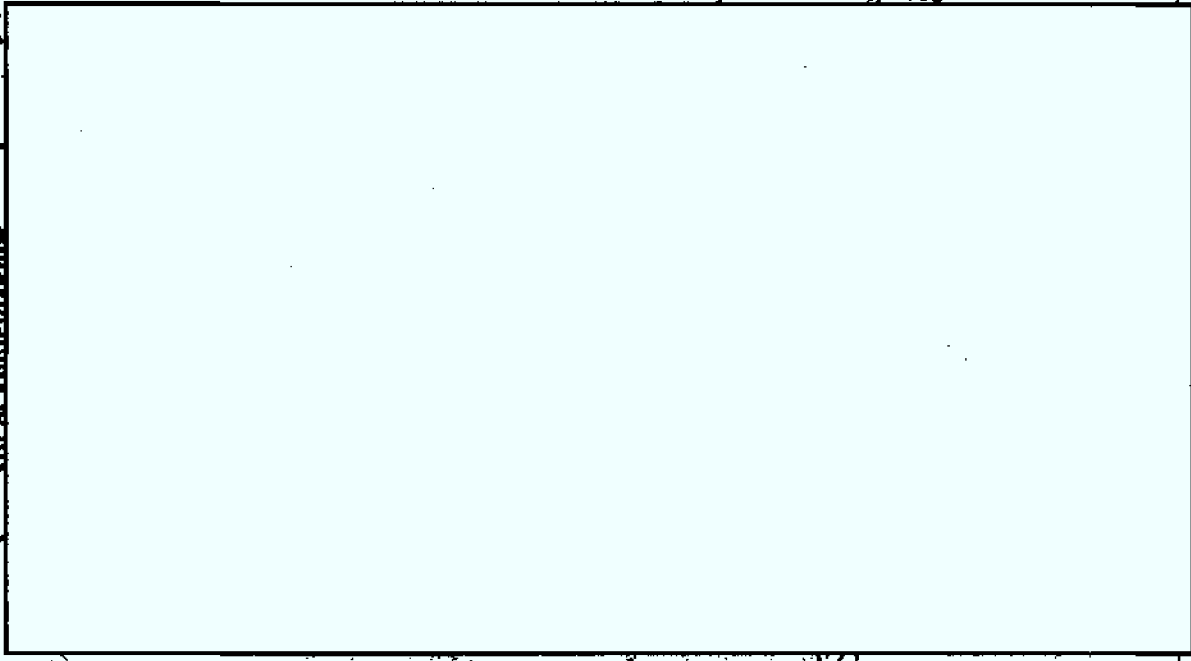
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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-6670E) **PERSONAL ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR WILLIAM SULLIVAN**  
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Reference is made to Bureau's recent request for information dealing with **CORRETTA SCOTT KING, RALPH D. ABERNATHY, and**

Almost without exception Atlanta's information dealing with such matters has been obtained from former highly confidential sources.

**CORRETTA SCOTT KING**

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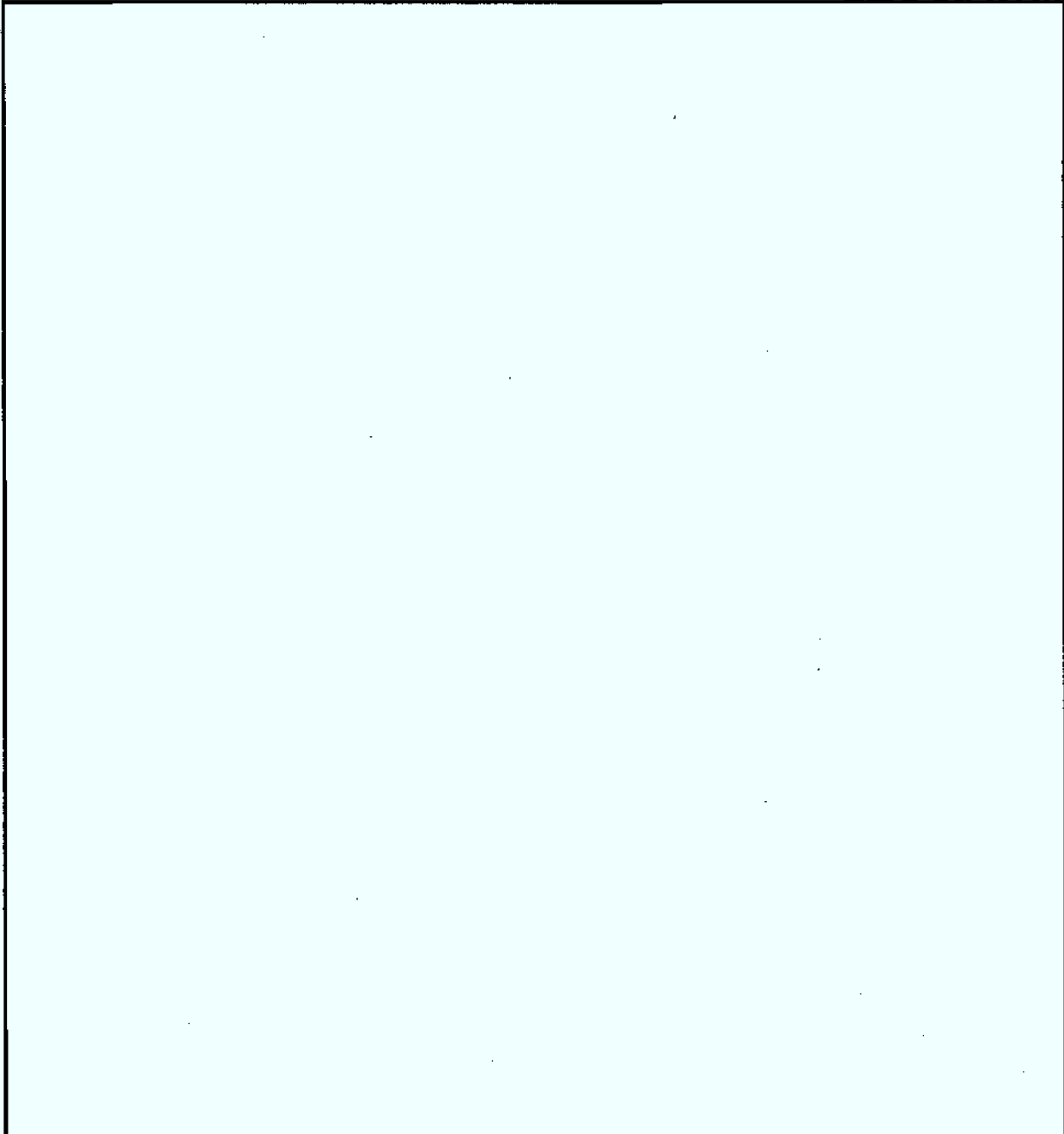
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-<sup>150</sup>~~150~~)

SUBJECT: MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Las Vegas [redacted] an employee  
of Caesar's Palace Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada, on  
6/25/68, furnished the following:

Caesar's Palace has assigned JOE LOUIS, former  
heavyweight boxing champion, to contact Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR., to invite her, along with her family, to spend  
two months in Palm Springs, California, at no cost to her.

The invitation is to stay at the mansion owned by  
Caesar's Palace located at 925 Coronado Drive, Palm Springs.  
This home was recently purchased by Caesar's Palace and it  
formerly belonged to [redacted], who named the house  
"In the Spring."

Details of the invitation not known by the source.

This is being furnished for information.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-112182)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-158043) (Sub A)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM AND PEACE PARTY (FPP)  
INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)  
(OO:NY)

Enclosed for the Bureau are 10 copies and for Atlanta 2 copies of an LHM, concerning a NY County FPP Committee meeting, held on 6/16/68, in NYC. (U)

Source utilized in LHM is [redacted] LHM is classified "~~Confidential~~", since it contains information from a source of continuing value. Disclosure of this information could impair future effectiveness. (X)

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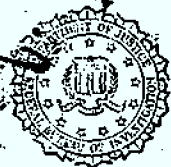
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New York, New York

June 13, 1968

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NYfile 100-158043

Freedom and Peace Party

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on June 17, 1968, that the New York County Freedom and Peace Party (FPP) Committee, held a meeting on June 16, 1968, in New York City. *gn*

It was announced at this meeting that Dr. Benjamin Spock had declined to run as the Presidential candidate of the FPP. Those attending the Committee meeting were told that the information concerning Spock's declination should not be mentioned at any of the local clubs of the FPP at the present time. *gn*

The source also advised that no word had been received from Coretta King, widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as to whether she would accept the FPP nomination for Vice-President. *gn*

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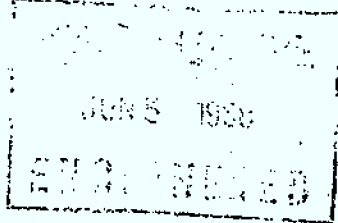
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The source also learned that Levison plans to attend an SCLC meeting in Washington, D.C. on June 4, 1968, which Coretta King, widow of Martin Luther King Jr., will attend.

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"SECRET") OBTAINED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON JUNE FIVE  
NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

STANLEY LEVISON, ON JUNE FIVE TOLD HIS WIFE OF  
AN SOLO MEETING HELD WASHINGTON, DC ON NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR.

HE DESCRIBED MEETING AS GOOD IN ONE SENSE AND NOT GOOD  
IN ANOTHER. HE STATED THAT RALPH ABERNATHY IS HOPELESS  
AND WAS ASLEEP DURING ENTIRE MEETING. HE INDICATED THAT  
CORETTA KING TOOK HIS ADVICE BUT INSISTED ON GIVING  
PRIORITY TO THE LIBRARY (NOT SPECIFIED). HE SAID SHE  
TOOK A GOOD POSITION ON MONEY AND ASSURED HIM SHE IS  
GOING AHEAD WITH THE BOOK (ABOUT HER LIFE WITH KING).

LEVISON SAID ABERNATHY TOOK HIM ASIDE AND TOLD HIM  
THE ONLY TWO PEOPLE IN HIS LIFE HE TRUSTED WERE MARTIN  
LUTHER KING AND LEVISON. ALSO THAT ABERNATHY SAID

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Subsequently, the source ascertained that Levison advised Harry Wachtel that he had spoken to Coretta King, widow of Martin Luther King, and told her that the SCLC has forgotten what the people who went to Washington for the PPC went for. He said he told her that she does not have the capacity to solve the problems, that he does not believe she should go into the leadership but if she does he will not go with her. Levison mentioned that there is a complete lack of integrity, that if they are not shaken up now nothing but evil will happen. He noted that Andrew Young does not want leadership preferring to be in the second level of leadership but that Coretta King wants the top leadership. He added that both Abernathy and Coretta King are inadequate. ~~u~~ u

The source learned on June 4, 1968, that on that date, Levison and Andrew Young discussed the SCLC meeting to be held in Washington, D.C. Levison mentioned that the meeting time had been changed because Coretta King was going to a union convention in Miami. He was critical of Coretta accepting this invitation because he had advised against it. ~~u~~ u.

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Young explained that he felt Abernathy should attend but was not anxious to have Coretta King in on the negotiations with the international presidents. He said that he had suggested Wednesday, June 5, as a better day for the meeting. Young also mentioned that [ ] said that with respect to the SCLC going into a membership campaign that they want to try to guarantee that a good percentage of their membership would become SCLC members and that they are willing to push a membership drive but want Abernathy to be present. ~~u~~ u

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Levison said he saw no objection for not going along with the meeting or going along with [ ] SCLC membership proposal. ~~u~~ u.

Young brought up the matter of Bayard Rustin's statement and said that Rustin wanted him to approve it. Young stated that he would not approve it without a group analyzing it. He said he did not know why Rustin issued it. ~~u~~ u.

Levison attacked Rustin's statement stating he has never seen anything as insulting. He said that the PPC effort in Washington is being sabotaged by the SCLC people in Washington, including Young, by actions such as bringing Rustin in to run the June 19 march. He told Young the SCLC was playing house with Resurrection City, that it had been said at the outset that not much of a city would be needed because once the action began and people went to jail they would be fed there. He said there has not been any campaign and for Rustin to come in as he has, compounds all the confusion about leadership. ~~u~~ u.

Levison brought up the fact that Coretta King wants to be on the SCLC Administrative Committee. He said he told her that the problems are too deep for her to think she can solve them, that she had underestimated the gravity of the problems and overestimated herself. He noted that Coretta is not sure whether she can work on the book she had planned for July because she felt she had to be in Resurrection City and that she has been told she has a duty to the movement. He said he told her that the book represents financial security and warned her against people trying to use her. Levison added that he

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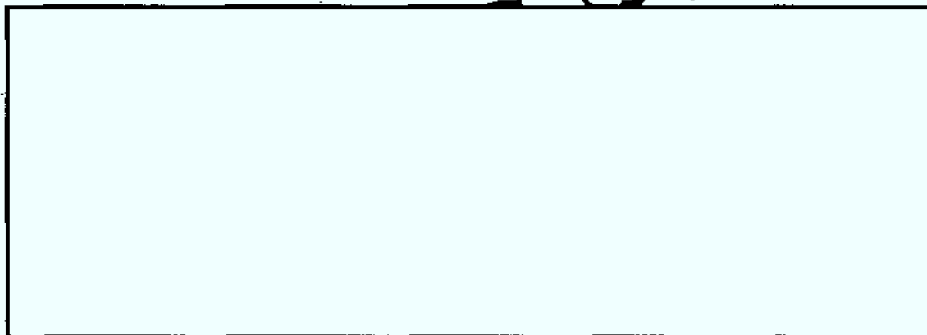
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believes that Coretta's conceit is such that she could not be afraid of doing the book. He said she resents the fact that they have set up a situation in which she can be financially independent but has to put out effort for it. He said she resents the money coming into the SCLC and thinks the movement owes her a living. ~~S~~ u

Levison and Young agreed to meet at the Pitt Motel in Washington, D.C. on the afternoon of June 4, 1968. ~~S~~ u.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), in July, 1963. In late 1963, and early 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in his position on civil rights. His differences with the CP, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism. ~~(S)~~ (U)



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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)-

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FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM

ON MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT

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ON MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, CORETTA KING

AND STANLEY LEVISON DISCUSSED LEADERSHIP, ORGANIZATION AND  
FUTURE OF SCLC AND RALPH ABERNATHY (HEAD OF SCLC)

IN PARTICULAR. CORETTA EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT STATEMENTS  
BEING MADE BY ABERNATHY NOTING THAT HE APPARENTLY HAS  
BECOME SENSITIVE ABOUT HIS LEADERSHIP AND IS ALWAYS  
ON DEFENSIVE. SHE REFERRED TO SPEECH ABERNATHY MADE

ON THURSDAY NIGHT (PROBABLY MAY NINE) BEFORE TWELVE

THOUSAND PEOPLE AND SAID THE GENERAL TONE OF IT

WAS INFLAMMATORY. SHE SAID SHE IS BEGINNING TO GET

WORRIED ABOUT WHERE NONVIOLENCE IS. SHE SAID ABERNATHY  
HAS TO STOP DEFENDING HIS LEADERSHIP AND ASKED IF

LEVISON HAD TALKED WITH HIM LATELY. LEVISON SAID  
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HE HAD TALKED WITH ABERNATHY TWO HOURS BEFORE AFTER TALKING TO ANDY YOUNG (EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF SCLC). HE SAID YOUNG TOOK THE POSITION THAT ABERNATHY ONLY LISTENS TO PEOPLE WHO FLATTER HIM AND NOT PERSONS WHO HAVE CRITICISM. LEVISON SAID HE TOLD YOUNG THAT IF IT IS POINTED OUT TO ABERNATHY THAT CERTAIN WEAKNESSES CAN KILL HIM, HE IS SMART ENOUGH TO LISTEN. LEVISON SAID HE SEES RIDICULE ARISING IN THE PRESS BECAUSE OF INEFFICIENCY OF THE SCLC WHICH WILL BE A REFLECTION ON ABERNATHY. HE SAID HE TOLD YOUNG THAT IF HE AND YOUNG TALK TO ABERNATHY THAT ABERNATHY KNOWS THEY ARE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALWAYS DELIVERED AND WILL LISTEN. LEVISON STATED HE THEN TALKED TO ABERNATHY AND TOLD HIM HE WAS GOING TO BE THE OBJECT OF RIDICULE WHICH HAD ALREADY BEGUN, THAT THE PRESS HAS BEEN NICE TO HIM BUT IF HE DOES NOT ORGANIZE THE MAY THIRTY (POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN (PPC) MASS GATHERING IN WASHINGTON, DC) PROPERLY, HE WILL BE ATTACKED. LEVISON SAID HE RECOMMENDED THAT WYATT (WALKER FORMER SCLC OFFICIAL) WOULD BE A KEY MAN TO SET UP APPARATUS IN NEW YORK FOR THE PPC BECAUSE NEW YORK HAS TO PROVIDE MORE THAN HALF THE PEOPLE FOR THE WASHINGTON (MAY THIRTY) EVENT, AND ABERNATHY AGREED. CORETTA SAID IT IS

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IMPORTANT TO GET THROUGH MAY THIRTY BUT IT IS MORE  
IMPORTANT WHAT THEY DO AFTERWARD. SHE SAID ABERNATHY  
HAS DONE NOTHING ABOUT AN SCLC STRUCTURE TO CARRY ON AND THAT  
SOME OF THE MEN AROUND ABERNATHY FEEL HE IS NOT USING THEM.  
SHE STATED SHE EXPRESSED HER CONCERN ABOUT THE FUTURE OF SCLC  
TO ABERNATHY THAT SHE FELT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR HIM TO COMMUNICATE  
WITH HIS TOP LEADERSHIP AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. LEVISON  
AND CORETTA DISCUSSED USING JESSE JACKSON'S (SCLC STAFF  
MEMBER) ABILITY TO THE BENEFIT OF SCLC. LEVISON STATED  
THAT DECISIONS SHOULD BE MADE BY THE TOP LEADERSHIP  
COLLECTIVELY. CORETTA AGREED AND NOTED IF ABERNATHY WILL USE  
PEOPLE AROUND HIM COLLECTIVELY, HE WILL BE EFFECTIVE AND THE  
SCLC CAN GO ON WITHOUT BEING HAMPERED BY "ALL THE POWER PLAYS  
THAT ARE GOING TO COME." LEVISON SAID THAT THEY MUST BE FRANK  
AND HONEST IN DEALING WITH PEOPLE'S SHORTCOMINGS. LEVISON FELT  
THE MOST CORRECT TYPE OF LEADERSHIP WOULD HAVE BEEN A COLLECTIVE  
LEADERSHIP. LEVISON AND CORETTA DISCUSSED HER OPINION THAT THE  
SCLC SHOULD HAVE A STRONG PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT. LEVISON  
DID NOT AGREE. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED FUTURE FINANCING OF THE SCLC.  
LEVISON SAID HE HAS NO CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT THE SOURCES  
OF FUNDS WILL BE BY THE FALL OF NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. ✓

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CORETTA SCOTT KING.

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ON JULY NINE INSTANT, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO FURNISHED RELIABLE  
INFORMATION IN PAST ADVISED UNDERSTOOD THAT ON JULY NINE OR JULY  
TEN SIXTYEIGHT CORETTA SCOTT KING, WIDOW OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
PLANNED TO DEPART UNITED STATES. MRS. KING EXPECTS TO BE ACCOMPANIED  
BY MRS. BENITA BENNETTE, WIFE OF FRED C. BENNETTE, SOUTHERN DIRECTOR,  
OPERATION BREADBASKET, SCLC, CURRENTLY SERVING AS AN ASSISTANT AND  
FEMALE COMPANION TO MRS. KING. SOURCE COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER DETAILS

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SUBJECT: CORETTA SCOTT KING  
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On 7/11/68 [redacted] advised [redacted]

[redacted] on 7/8 or 7/9/68 met in Atlanta with CORETTA KING and some other individuals in order to discuss a Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Library. Informant could furnish no further details regarding this matter. (U)

On the same date [redacted] a current rumor among SCLC headquarters personnel is that CORETTA KING has received in excess of \$300,000 in contributions since the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. [redacted] (U)

At this time the above is submitted for information and no LHM is contemplated.

Information from [redacted] must be classified ~~Confidential~~. (U)

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COMMUNIST PARTY,  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

A schedule is currently being worked out for Gus Hall, Herbert Aptheker, Henry Winston and other CP, USA leaders to make speeches on behalf of the candidates. (S) u

The CP, USA does not expect its candidates will win. However, it is hoped their participation in the election will greatly assist in electing local Communist Party candidates. Not only does the running of the candidates furnish the CP, USA with a vast amount of publicity and propaganda about its program, which it could not possibly afford otherwise, but it should also help establish in the minds of the American people that this is a legal political party. (S) u

It is generally realized among the CP, USA leadership that not all Communist Party members and sympathizers will vote for the CP, USA ticket. Some members are already committed to support the Peace and Freedom Party, which is running Dr. Benjamin Spock for President and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. for Vice President. The leadership regards the Peace and Freedom Party as being strongest in the eastern United States, but its principal defect is that it does not have any national base or expression. (S) u

In addition, there are CP, USA members who are already committed to support the presidential candidacy of Senator Eugene McCarthy. This is particularly true in California. (S) u

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Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, dated 7/9/68  
captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau is original and  
seven copies of LHM and for New York one copy of  
LHM. (U)

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is

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FRED. C. BENNETTE

CORETTA KING and his wife were leaving  
the United States. BENNETTE claimed he did not  
know their destination. On 7/11/68 BENNETTE told  
CORETTA and his wife had left the country  
on 7/10/68. BENNETTE on this date did not offer  
any further details and saw no point in  
pressing ~~it~~ therefore. (U)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Coretta Scott King  
Security Matter - C

On July 9, 1968, a confidential source advised some employees of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) were under the impression that Coretta Scott King, widow of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., former President, SCLC, planned to depart the United States on that date or July 10, 1968. Mrs. King expected to be accompanied by Mrs. Benita Bennette, wife of Fred C. Bennette, Southern Director, Operation Breadbasket, SCLC. Benita Bennette currently serves Mrs. King as an assistant and companion. Source could furnish no further details. (U) ~~(C)~~

On July 11, 1968, source advised that some SCLC employees understood Mrs. King and Mrs. Bennette had left the United States (destination unknown), on July 10, 1968, for a period of twenty six days. Source pointed out that on July 11, 1968, he had learned via the news media that Mrs. King had stated she would be gone from her Atlanta, Georgia residence for several weeks. It was also reported that she would spend this time at an undisclosed secluded location in order to concentrate on the preparation of a book regarding her late husband. (U) ~~(C)~~

With regard to the apparent misunderstanding on the part of some SCLC employees as to Mrs. King's intentions, source pointed out that subsequent to the (U) ~~(C)~~

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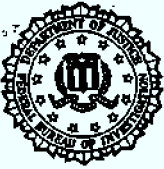
death of Rev. King that there has been an increasing lack of communication between Mrs. King and most members of the SCLC staff. (S) (U)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONAtlanta, Georgia  
July 15, 1968~~CONFIDENTIAL~~In Reply, Please Refer to  
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| Reference | Letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above. |

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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MRS. CORETTA KING  
(Widow of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.)  
Born: April 27, 1927  
Marion, Alabama

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11-27-91

The FBI has not investigated Coretta King. You are referred to a "Top Secret" document entitled "Communist Influence in Racial Matters -- A Current Analysis," dated April 10, 1967, which was furnished to Mr. James J. Reynolds, Under-Secretary of Labor, on October 23, 1967. This document set forth in detail the extent of communist influence within the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s involvement with such elements. Data regarding his wife, Coretta, is also submitted therein. (100-438794-2008)

In addition, this Bureau has received information from a source who has furnished reliable information in the past that Mrs. King, since the death of her husband, has continued to hold conferences with Stanley Levison, long-time general Communist Party member and former principal advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr. Mrs. King sought Levison's advice and counsel concerning her finances and personal appearances.

There are enclosed for your information two memoranda which contain information regarding Martin Luther King, Jr., the SCLC, and Coretta King. One memorandum is dated April 18, 1968, at New York, New York, entitled "Martin Luther King, Jr." The other memorandum is dated June 5, 1968, and entitled "Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) - Racial Matters."

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Subject King, Coretta Mae  
 Birthdate & Place    
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SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY  
(See Correlation Summary dated 12/7/65 filed as 62-108052-8)

Main File No: 62-108052

Date: 7/25/68

Subject: Coretta Scott King

Date Searched: 1/8/68

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

Coretta Scott King  
Mrs. C. S. King  
Carlotta King  
Coretta King  
Coretta S. King  
Correta S. King  
Corretta King

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Mrs. M. L. King  
Mrs. Martin L. King  
Mrs. Martin Luther King  
Mrs. C. S. Scott  
Loretta Scott

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY.

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Add. info.....Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Coretta Scott King can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary.

SCLC.....Southern Christian Leadership Conference

WILPF.....Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

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## RELATIVES WHO HAVE BUREAU MAIN FILES

The relationship, biographical data and activities of Coretta Scott King were set forth in the serials of the main file of her husband, Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the SCLC in Atlanta. These activities were in connection with her husband's work in the civil rights movement. She was in contact with employees of the SCLC, attended affairs, and spoke at a few meetings that were sponsored by this group. She traveled with her husband, visiting NYC, Trenton, N.J., Philadelphia, Pa., Chicago, Ill., Washington, D. C., Mississippi, Tennessee, Paris and London. It was indicated that she planned to give a concert in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Approximate date of activity 12/21/64 through 1/18/67.

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[ ] advised that on 2/5/65 Mrs. Martin Luther King greeted those in attendance at a gathering at Browns Chapel, AME Church, Selma, held in connection with voter registration in Dallas County, Alabama. Mrs. King had been refused permission to visit her husband, Martin Luther King, who had been arrested for participating in demonstrations connected with voter registration and who was confined to the Selma Jail.

44-12831-393 encl. p.2  
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[ ] advised that on 3/2/65 during a council meeting of the Women Strike for Peace (WSP) in Los Angeles, Mary Leona Clarke (100-395252) led a discussion pertaining to plans for a brunch to honor Mrs. Martin Luther King. Clarke reported that King was a life member of the WSP, and that she had traveled to Geneva, Switzerland with some of them from WSP. (No date set out.) (c)

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According to this source a brunch in honor of Mrs. King was held on 3/6/65 at the Beverly Hills Hotel, Beverly Hills, California. Clarke was introduced as the coordinator of Southern California WSP. In turn Clarke introduced Mrs. King. (S) (U)

100-395252-142 p.10,11

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SI Paragraph 2

100-445176-3 p.9

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The 6/15/65 issue of "The Worker" reported that Coretta King attended a conference sponsored by SANE (not identified) in Madison Square Garden, NYC. (No date or details set out.)

100-438794-393 p.61

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] a member of the District Board, CP, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, claimed that she had a discussion with Mrs. Martin Luther King, during their attendance at the convention of the SCLC in Birmingham, Ala., August 7-12, 1965. [redacted] stated that she asked King questions pertaining to the women question (not identified), and that King indicated that she would call [redacted] and answer these questions after she had given them further thought. (S) (U)

100-442529-1400 encl. p.2

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[redacted] advised that during a conversation with several individuals Martin Luther King stated that he was to speak in Philadelphia on 10/15/65 in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the WILPF. It was decided that King should not participate in this affair; however, he should get someone to read his speech. King remarked that he might get Coretta King to read it. (No details set out.)

100-442529-1482 encl. p.2

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100-438794-920 p.1,2  
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100-438794-936 encl. p.1,2  
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100-438794-948 encl. p.1  
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100-444916-15 encl p.1  
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SI 105-138315-2294 encl. p.3

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100-438794-16111 p.19  
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[ ] furnished a copy of the March, 1966 issue of "Four Lights," published by the U. S. Section, WILPF (61-1538), which carried an article captioned "Women Leaders Attend WILPF Conference." The article pertained to the WILPF Conference on Women's Response to the Rising Tide of Violence, held February 21-22, 1966, Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia, and disclosed that Mrs. Martin Luther King was one of the signers of the invitation to this conference. ~~(U)~~

61-1538-693 encl. p.1  
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Information furnished by [ ] disclosed that Mrs. Martin Luther King had been invited to the WILPF (61-1538) conference on Women's Response to the Rising Tide of Violence, to be held February 21-22, 1966 in Philadelphia. ~~(U)~~

61-1538-680 encl. p.1  
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[ ] Human Relations Unit, Chicago Police Department, advised that on 2/23/66 Coretta King and Bernard Lee, SCLC official and aide to Martin Luther King, arrived in Chicago with Martin. King's party arrived from Atlanta and were to depart from Chicago on 11/25/65\* for NYC.

157-6-9-2075 encl. p.6  
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\*Probably 2/25/66

On 3/31/66 [ ] advised that [ ] Public Relations Man, NYC, who had handled business for the SCLC (100-438794), complained that Mrs. Martin Luther King owed him \$1,800.00 for work he had performed for her. (No details set out.) ~~(U)~~

100-438794-1614 p.6  
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During April, 1966, [redacted] (protect identity) made available literature captioned "Voters Pledge Campaign," that had been received through the mail. The origin of this literature was shown as "Voter's Pledge Campaign," 245 2nd St., N. E., Washington, D. C., and it listed Mrs. Martin Luther King as a sponsor. The purpose of this group was to stimulate voters to think in terms of electing peace-minded representatives and it was indicated that the group would participate in the Voter's March, May 14-15, 1966, Washington, D. C. (100-445578).

"Voter's Pledge Campaign" enclosed b6  
100-445578-144 encl. p.5 b7C  
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SI 105-138315-3587 p.19  
(17) (Fact Sheet published by Voter's  
Pledge Campaign and distributed during  
convention, May 14-15, 1966 Wash-  
ington, D. C.)

[redacted] (protect identity) furnished information pertaining to the SCLC (100-438794) National Board meeting held at the Hampton House Motel and Villas, Miami, during April 11-13, 1966. According to this source the records of Hampton House contained an undated reservations schedule under the caption "SCLC Board Meeting in Miami", that disclosed room reservations for those attending the Board meeting. Included was Rev. and Mrs. M. L. King, Villa 11, arriving Monday A. M. The source advised that the Kings honored this reservation.

100-438794-1346 encl. p.3  
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[redacted] furnished a list of the officials and honored guests seated on the first dais at the 50th anniversary banquet of the WILPF (61-1538), at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, on 10/15/65. Included was Mrs. Martin Luther King, member and sponsor of the National WILPF. (X) (U)

[redacted] furnished the June, 1966 issue of "Four Lights"\* (not identified) that carried an article captioned, "50th Nets 33 New Sponsors," which disclosed that many sponsors for the anniversary celebration, including King, had become permanent sponsors of the WILPF. (X) (U)

61-1538-711 p.48,60  
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[\*Probably a WILPF publication.] (X) (U)

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On 7/31/66 Bureau Agents observed picketing at the Houston Music Hall, Houston, Texas, where Mrs. Martin Luther King was giving a freedom concert. The pickets carried signs that revealed remarks pertaining to King. (Remarks set out.)

The 8/1/66 issue of the "Houston Post," a daily newspaper carried an article pertaining to this concert that was entitled: "Klansmen Picket Mrs. King's Concert For 15 Minutes--Quit."

157-270-19-95 p.1 encl. p.1,2

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SI 157-6-19-318 encl. p.1,2

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SI 157-6-19-315 encl. p.2,3

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Houston, Police Department)

Reporter, United Press International,

advised that Mrs. Martin

Luther King and some of the officials of the SCLC (100-438794) arrived with Martin Luther King on 8/8/66 in Jackson, to attend an SCLC convention.

Captain Ralph Wilson, Jackson Police Department, advised that on 8/8/66 US Senator Edward M. Kennedy, who addressed this convention, was met at the airport by the Kings and others.

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100-438794-1550 encl. p.2,3

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advised that during its tenth annual convention held August 8-11, 1966 in Jackson, Mississippi, the SCLC (100-438794) distributed a leaflet entitled "This is SCLC." Under the caption "Of Fundraising and Finances," it was pointed out that additional income for the SCLC was realized from concerts by Mrs. Martin Luther King.

100-438794-1873 p.16

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The 9/21/66 issue of the "Cornell Daily Sun," a student newspaper published at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, contained an article pertaining to the November 8 Mobilization Committee, a nation-wide Ad Hoc Committee to voice a united protest against the

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war in Vietnam. This article disclosed that Mrs. Martin Luther King, SCLC, was a member of the Steering Committee of the group. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Add. info. according to a leaflet issued by the November 8 Mobilization Committee and furnished by [redacted] ~~(S)~~ (U)

105-138315-4254 p.3,12

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The "Bring the Troops Home Now Newsletter" (100-445064), Volume 1 No. 15, dated 10/17/66 obtained through Boston's confidential mailbox disclosed that Mrs. Martin Luther King was a sponsor for the November 5-8, 1966 Mobilization. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Newsletter enclosed  
100-445064-16 encl. p.4  
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[redacted] Grenada County Freedom Movement, advised that on 11/13/66 Mrs. Martin Luther King and her Negro male piano accompanist arrived in Grenada, Mississippi via a flight from Atlanta. On this date she gave a vocal recital at the New Hope Baptist Church, Grenada, that was sponsored by the Grenada County Freedom Movement. Following the recital Mrs. King left by private auto en route to Memphis. Members of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol and the Grenada Police Department were on hand to afford coverage. No incidents were reported in connection with her visit.

157-6-54-2127 encl. p.1,2

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SI 157-6-54-2116 encl. p.1

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SI 157-6-54-2111 p.1

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The December 10-11, 1966 issue of the "Southern Courier," a weekly newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, reported that the Montgomery Improvement Association's eleventh anniversary celebration had been held the previous week. Corretta Scott King was the guest speaker at the Women's Program held at the Holt Street Baptist Church.

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She told the group that freedom for Negroes would come only through dedication and sacrifice.

157-6-61-1411 encl. p.2  
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[redacted] advised that Martin Luther King, Jr., his wife, Coretta Scott King, and Ralph Abernathy, Vice President and Treasurer, SCLC (100-438794), contemplated leaving Atlanta on 3/28/67, to travel by air to Louisville, Kentucky, to attend an SCLC Board meeting on 3/29/67. (c)

100-438794-1828 encl. p.1  
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[redacted] (protect identity) furnished "handout" material passed out on 3/31/67 during an anti-Vietnam demonstration at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Included was an undated one page "handout" captioned "National Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam Now" that listed Mrs. Martin Luther King as a National sponsor and pertained to mass demonstrations to be held in NYC and San Francisco on 4/15/67.

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"Handout" enclosed  
100-151448-39 encl. p.9  
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SI 100-426761-1626 encl. p. 12-A  
(15) [redacted]  
Milford, Conn., Police Department.)

The following references in the file captioned "November 8 Mobilization Committee" disclosed that Mrs. Martin Luther King of the SCLC was a member of the Steering Committee of this group. The November 8 Committee was set up during a meeting of peace groups in Cleveland, on September 10-11, 1966 for the purpose of organizing demonstrations throughout the US to be held on November 5-8, 1966 as a protest against the war in Vietnam. This group was later known as the "Spring Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam" and was to sponsor anti-Vietnam demonstrations during April 8-15, 1967. King was listed as a national sponsor for the Spring Committee. No activity on the part of King was set out.

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62-111181-3 encl. p.2  
-9 p.1  
-10 encl. p.4,7  
-173 encl. p.12-A  
-187 encl. p.4  
-203 encl. p.5  
-385 encl. p.6  
-405 encl p.12

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[ ] advised that in April, 1967 during a meeting at San Francisco, of the Steering Committee of the Spring Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (SMC) (62-111181), mention was made that Mrs. Martin Luther King would be presented as one of the final speakers on 4/15/67 for the purpose of keeping the crowd in the stadium as long as possible. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The 4/16/67 issue of the "San Francisco Examiner" disclosed that King spoke near the end of a rally sponsored by the SMC on 4/15/67 at Kezar Stadium, San Francisco. When she spoke the crowd had dwindled and people were leaving throughout her speech.

[ ] confirmed King's participation in the 4/15/67 rally. ~~(S)~~ (U)

62-111181-640 encl p.10,11

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62-111181-634 p.1

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62-111181-675 encl. p.2

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On 5/17/67 Bureau Agents observed a program begin at the Lincoln Temple, 11th and R. Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., that was sponsored by the Spring Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam. Sidney Peck, a member of the Mobilization Committee, introduced members, including Mrs. Martin Luther King, of a delegation who were to attempt to see the President on this date and to present to him the expressions of people who oppose the President's policies in Vietnam.

105-138315-7108 p.68

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The following references in the file captioned "Spring Mobilization Committee Against War in Vietnam" (SMC) aka "November 8 Mobilization Committee" set out the activities of Mrs. Martin Luther King in connection with an SMC delegation of which she was a member. On 5/17/67 this delegation arrived at the White House to present to President Johnson a document calling for him to end the war in Vietnam. Members of this delegation were not permitted to see the President

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62-111181-729 p.3  
-756 p.1 and encl.  
-768 encl. p.1,2

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[redacted] furnished material obtained from the Women Strike for Peace (WSP) national office international correspondence files (not identified), that pertained to the peace movement in the US. Included were the names of subscribers to "Memo", national bulletin of WSP, which set out the name Corretta King, 563 Johnson Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia. (No date or details furnished.) (U)

This information was furnished by a WFO letter dated 9/7/67.

Material attached  
100-3-104-53-45 encl. No.4  
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REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following reference was not available during the time this summary was being prepared.

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100-447118-4 encl p.10

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See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Differences in source will be noted on the search slip.

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SAC, Atlanta (100-6351)

8/1/68

Director, FBI (62-108052)

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CORETTA SCOTT KING  
RACIAL MATTERS  
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DATE 10-28-81 BY 824 E2W/JMT

The Bureau desires that you submit a letter by 8/23/68 in which pertinent data should be set forth regarding the subject's activities since her husband's death in April, 1968. Of particular importance would be information bearing on her connections with Stanley Levison. After the letter is submitted on 8/23/68 you should keep the Bureau advised on a 60-day basis by letter of pertinent information coming to your attention regarding the subject. Teletype or airtel should be utilized if data developed so warrants.

Bureau does not desire that any investigation of the subject be conducted at this time and any necessary inquiries should be handled through established, reliable sources.

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## NOTE:

In April, 1968, we recommended that the field be authorized to conduct a discreet investigation of the subject. At that time the Director noted that we should "hold up" on any investigation for the present time." We have been getting data from the field, particularly Atlanta, as information regarding the subject is developed; however, it is believed we should put a specific requirement on the field so that we may be kept abreast of developments regarding the subject. Levison was the principal advisor to the late Martin Luther King, Jr., and he, Levison, has a Communist Party background.

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**TO: SAC, Boston**

**FROM: Director, FBI**

**CONETTA KING  
INFORMATION CONCERNING - RACIAL MATTERS  
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE)**

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A report from the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army, contained the following information from the 108th MI Group, Concord, New Hampshire:

W. A. Wentworth, Chief of Police, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, is aware that Mrs. King, widow of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., is presently in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, writing a book. Her children reportedly are scheduled to arrive in New Hampshire on August 14, 1968.

Unless there is information to preclude such a contact, Boston should establish contact with Chief of Police Wentworth and follow Mrs. King's activities through him. No active investigation is to be conducted concerning her. Any pertinent information developed through established source should be furnished to the Bureau and Atlanta by letterhead memorandum or more expeditious communication, if warranted.

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DATE: 8/12/68

FROM : *FW* SAC, ATLANTA (100-6351) (P)

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ON 09-14-2006

SUBJECT: CORETTA SCOTT KING  
RM  
OO: Atlanta

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, dated 8/1/68

Submitted herewith is information requested by referenced Bureau letter. In order to facilitate possible future reference the source of each item of information is set forth.

Appropriate administrative procedures have been established to facilitate subsequent handling of captioned matter as requested in referenced Bureau letter.

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CORETTA SCOTT KING was born 4/27/27 at Heiberger, Alabama to OBIE and BERNICE M. SCOTT, both born Heiberger, Alabama. She married MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., on 6/18/53.

Passport Records  
U. S. Department of State  
WFO letter to Bureau  
7/6/64

CORETTA KING resides at 234 Sunset Avenue, NW, Atlanta, Georgia, at home she and her husband purchased approximately three years ago. Residing with her are her children, BERNICE ALBERTINE (5 years), DEXTER SCOTT (6 years), MARTIN LUTHER, III (10 years) and YOLANDA/DENISE (13 years). (c) (U) *1963* *B. April*

*KING* *KING*  
Subsequent to the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CORETTA KING has relied upon BENITA BENNETTE, wife of FRED C. BENNETTE, JR., Southern Director, Operation Breadbasket, SCLC as a traveling companion and in the capacity of a personal assistant. (c) (U) *b2* *b7D*

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On 4/16/68 STANLEY LEVISON discussed with CORETTA KING the matter of her writing a book about her years with her husband. LEVISON advised that she negotiate with a publisher in the near future but withhold delivery for a year or so which he said would afford her the highest possible price. (c) (U) *b2*

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On 4/16/68 CORETTA KING talked with LEVISON

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as to whether or not she should ~~agree~~ to DAVID DELLINGER's request to appear in a massive anti-Vietnam demonstration to be held 4/27/68 in Central Park, New York. LEVISON warned CORETTA she should not let DELLINGER pressure her or let herself be over exposed. They agreed she probably should appear in this demonstration and LEVISON said he would discuss the matter with DELLINGER.

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Serial 315

DAVID DELLINGER is National Director, National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

On 4/16/68 CORETTA KING solicited STANLEY LEVISON's opinion regarding the advisability of her participating on 5/12/68 in the Poor People's Campaign (PPC) Mother's Day March. They mutually agreed that CORETTA should participate in this march.

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STANLEY LEVISON on 4/21/68 arranged to travel to Atlanta for the purpose of assisting CORETTA KING in planning a book which she intended to write.

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Serial 308

On 4/24/68 according to [redacted]  
[redacted] CORETTA KING would participate in a function  
of the Women's International League for Peace  
(U) and Freedom to be held 4/27/68 in New York City. (c)

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[redacted] was formerly a  
member of the Palo Alto Communist Club, Palo Alto,  
California. (c)

On 4/27/68 Special Agents of the FBI  
observed an anti-Vietnam parade in New York which  
culminated in a program in the Sheep Meadow area  
of Central Park. At approximately 3:30 p.m. DAVID  
DELLINGER introduced CORETTA KING who spoke for  
approximately twenty minutes.

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The AFN is a tax arm of SCLC of which HARRY WACHTEL serves as Executive Director. (c)

On 5/15/68 CORETTA KING discussed with STANLEY LEVISON problems presently confronting SCLC and what they mutually felt were weaknesses in ABERNATHY's administration of SCLC as President.

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On 5/21/68 RALPH ABERNATHY mentioned to [redacted] he had heard rumors to the effect CORETTA KING was interested in establishing a civil rights organization of her own. (c)

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On 6/3/68 STANLEY LEVISON commented to ANDREW YOUNG that CORETTA KING is resentful of the money SCLC is currently receiving from donations and appears to feel the civil rights movement owes her a living.

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STANLEY LEVISON on 6/5/68 commented that CORETTA KING accepted his advice all the way except ~~insisting~~ on proceeding with a library project (not described) which she has in mind.

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Serial 349

As of 6/6/68 CORETTA KING had recently appeared at a function of the Sanitation Workers Union in Miami, Florida. STANLEY LEVISON had been opposed to her participating in this activity (reason not known). ~~(S)~~ (U)

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6/6/68

The 6/13/68 issue of the New York Times on Page 31 published an article datelined 6/12/68, Cambridge, Massachusetts, referring to a speech given by CORETTA KING on 6/12/68 at Harvard University Class Day Exercises.

The article indicated that in her speech CORETTA KING stated that official responses to the assassination of her husband and Senator ROBERT KENNEDY had been inadequate. She called upon the President to stop the bombings in Vietnam and said "this war, which is the most cruel and evil war in our history, must come to an end."

Following the aforementioned speech [REDACTED] informed STANLEY LEVISON she had learned from [REDACTED] that CORETTA KING had mentioned in her speech at Harvard the position in which LEVISON had put in it.

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On 6/18/68 STANLEY LEVISON advised CORETTA KING it would be wise for her to join the National Committee of Inquiry. He said this would be an organization of Negroes who hold responsible offices and will examine various issues and Negroes who support these issues. After examination this committee will offer an endorsement when considered appropriate. CORETTA KING told LEVISON she thought it well she join this committee.

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Serial 354

On 6/29/68 CORETTA KING sought the advice of STANLEY LEVISON as to what her response should be to several requests received by her to appear before various groups. On this occasion with reference to SCLC LEVISON told CORETTA she should take the position that members of the SCLC staff are not to speak for her on any matter.

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Serial 361

On 7/6/68 source learned that CORETTA KING had received an invitation to address the Committee on Resolutions of the 1968 Republican National Convention to be held in August, 1968. LEVISON dictated a letter to the committee for CORETTA KING declining the invitation.

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On 7/6/68 STANLEY LEVISON arranged with HARRY

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WACHTEL to travel the following day to Atlanta to discuss personal business (not explained) with CORETTA KING.

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Serial 367

On 7/12/68 the Atlanta Journal, daily Atlanta newspaper, on page 16A of its final edition published an article captioned, "Mrs. CORETTA KING in New Hampshire to Write Book." This article reflected that for the time being CORETTA KING had "laid aside plans for developing a massive woman-power movement" for the purpose of concentrating on a book regarding her late husband. The article said CORETTA KING would spend the next several weeks in New Hampshire (specific location not stated) at the former home of one W. RUSSELL BURWELL.

Serial 372

Source learned 7/21/68 that on 7/23/68 NORMAN COUSINS (editor of "Saturday Review") was sponsoring a conference of women in New York City and that CORETTA KING was to be the featured speaker.

On 7/21/68 STANLEY LEVISON informed CORETTA KING he had prepared her speech for the conference of women and requested that she acquaint herself with this speech in advance of the conference.

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[REDACTED] CORETTA KING had established (S) (U)

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the Martin Luther King, Jr., Foundation, Inc., (date and place of incorporation not known) and had a substantial amount of funds available. As of this date rumor still existed [redacted] that CORETTA KING had received approximately \$300,000 in contributions since the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (c) b2 b7D ✓

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SUBJECT: CORETTA KING  
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DATE 10-28-82 BY SP4 EFW/gmk

Re Bureau airtel to Boston 8/7/68.

On 8/14/68, ROBERT SALES, Special Agent in Charge, 108th MI Group, Concord, N. H., advised he has been informed by Chief of Police ARNOLD H. WENTWORTH, Wolfeboro, N. H., that Mrs. KING departed Manchester, N. H., by plane Sunday, 8/11/68, destination unknown, but believed to be Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. SALES further advised that others in her party who have been with her at Wolfeboro are departing 8/14/68. He said that he has been in touch with Chief WENTWORTH since Mrs. KING's arrival in Wolfeboro and nothing of an unusual or pertinent nature has been developed concerning her visit there.

No further action is being taken by the Boston Office in this matter.

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SUBJECT: CORETTA SCOTT KING  
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copies of LHM and for New York one copy of LHM.

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CORETTA SCOTT KING  
RACIAL MATTERS

On September 12, 1968, <sup>DAYS,</sup> confidential source advised Coretta Scott King, widow of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., former President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), currently utilizes the services of a private detective agency to maintain security of her residence, 234 Sunset Avenue, NW, Atlanta, Georgia. The agency rendering this service is Byron Detective, Inc., 1985 Bankhead Highway, NW, Atlanta, an established Negro detective agency. (C) (U)

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Source was unable to advise how long Coretta King has utilized this service. (C) (U)

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Title CORETTA SCOTT KING

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Letterhead memorandum dated and  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108052)

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FROM :

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SUBJECT:

CORETTA SCOTT KING

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ReBulet to Atlanta, 8/1/68 and Atlanta letter  
to Bureau 9/12/68.

Submitted herewith is information responsive  
to reBulet. In order to facilitate future possible  
reference the location of each item of information is  
set forth.

Subsequent to reBulet, pertinent info  
furnished by [redacted] has been submitted via airtel  
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STANLEY LEVISON on 7/21/68 informed CORETTA KING that BAYARD RUSTIN had told ~~MARTIN~~ RALPH D. ABERNATHY, President, SCLC, had requested RUSTIN to obtain an invitation for [redacted] to an important women's conference to be held 7/23/68 in New York City. He explained that ABERNATHY considered [redacted] instead of CORETTA and this may create a problem for CORETTA KING. LEVISON noted CORETTA would address the aforementioned women's conference. He counseled her not to remain any longer than necessary after completing her speech, because ABERNATHY [redacted] at every point and resent the attention CORETTA would receive. *gh* *NY*

LEVISON went on to impress CORETTA she should not allow herself or her staff to become dependent upon SCLC because this would give ABERNATHY opportunity to tell her what to do. He cautioned, however, that CORETTA needed SCLC because ~~for her to~~ break with the organization would raise questions as to her ambitions. SCLC, LEVISON told CORETTA, needed her because it lacked prestige. *gh*

*RALPH D. ABERNATHY*  
On this occasion LEVISON explained to CORETTA the makeup of and use to which her husband MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., put the SCLC Research Committee. He said in addition to himself the Research Committee included among others BAYARD RUSTIN, [redacted] and HARRY WACHTEL. *USA*

LEVISON informed CORETTA he had prepared her speech for the aforementioned conference of women to be held 7/23/68 in New York. *gh*

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[redacted] CORETTA KING's organization was the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Memorial Foundation, Inc. *USA*

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On 8/14/68 [redacted]

told STANLEY LEVISON she had a \$750,000 contract (not identified) prepared for his examination. LEVISON requested [redacted] to also send a copy of this contract to HARRY WACHTEL and CORETTA KING and said he and WACHTEL would go over it by 9/19/68. *QW*

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On 8/20/68 LEVISON stated a publisher named HOLT had offered \$750,000 to CORETTA KING for a book concerning her life with MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. *QW*

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(Serial 426)

As of September 12, 1968, CORETTA KING utilized services of an Atlanta Negro detective agency to maintain security of her residence, 234 Sunset Avenue, NW, Atlanta. [redacted]

Source could furnish no further details. *QW*

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FROM: MR. G. C. MOORE

SUBJECT: CORETTA KING

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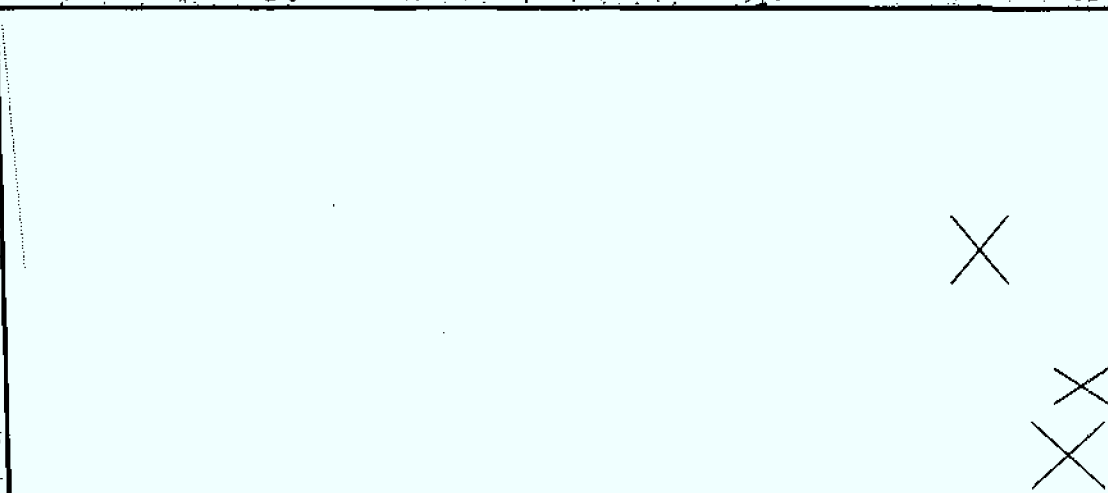
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Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, 8/1/68, and Atlanta  
airtel to Bureau, 10/21/68.

Submitted below is information pursuant to referenced  
Bureau letter.

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STANLEY LEVISON, on 11/18/68, discussed with  
subject the content of an address she was to deliver on  
11/22/68, at a dinner at which Governor OTTO KERNER of  
Illinois would receive the John F. Kennedy Award.

[redacted] that ANDREW J. YOUNG, Executive  
Vice-President, SCLC, was currently serving subject in  
an advisory capacity. Source could furnish no further  
details.

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*WCS/*

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CORETTA SCOTT KING, RACIAL MATTER.

ON JANUARY THIRTEEN, SIXTYNINE, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO  
HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED HE UNDER-  
STOOD THAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE, CORETTA SCOTT KING, WIDOW OF  
REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JUNIOR, FORMER PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN  
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), CONTEMPLATED TRAVELING  
TO INDIA AND HAD REQUESTED ANDREW J. YOUNG EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT,  
SCLC, TO ACCOMPANY HER. (c) (U)

*Geo. DeLoach*  
*D. Gandy*

SOURCE STATED HE COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING  
MRS. KING'S PLANS EXCEPT HE FURTHER UNDERSTOOD SHE WOULD EMBARK  
ON THIS TRAVEL POSSIBLY WITHIN ONE WEEK'S TIME. (c) (U)

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NEW YORK, LHM, JANUARY EIGHT SIXTYNINE, CAPTIONED SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, INTERNAL SECURITY-C, REFLECTS THAT ON JANUARY SIX, SIXTYNINE, STANLEY LEVISON WAS IN CONTACT WITH CORETTA AT WHICH TIME SHE MENTIONED THE AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE HAD BEEN CONFIRMED FOR JANUARY. [ON JANUARY THIRTEEN, SIXTYNINE,

[REDACTED] WAS ASKED WHETHER HIS UNDERSTANDING CONCERNED CORETTA'S TRAVEL TO INDIA OR ITALY. HE STATED HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS INDIA. [REDACTED] IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS NOTED

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(U) INFORMATION FROM HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES IN THE PAST INDICATED KING, JUNIOR, WAS ON VERY FRIENDLY TERMS WITH INDIRA GANDHI, PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, AND AN ADMIRER OF HER FATHER, MAHATMA GANDHI. (U)

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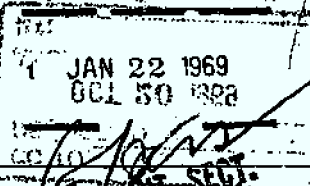
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Source utilized to characterize LEVISON is NY 694-S\* (U)

Information from [redacted] confidential. Enclosed  
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NY 694-S\*. (U)The news article set forth in the enclosed LHM  
referred to Dr. VINCENT HARDING. [redacted][redacted] Atlanta Investi-  
gation in this case did not develop substantial derogatory  
information concerning [redacted] In view of [redacted] apparent

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position with [redacted] and CORETTA KING,  
Atlanta will, if appropriate after pertinent file review,  
submit recommendations concerning [redacted]

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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE  
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Subsequent to the death of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., former President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), a confidential source has advised on several occasions that Coretta Scott King, his widow, has had very little association with SCLC or officials of that organization. During this period of time, it has been source's understanding that Coretta Scott King has been largely occupied with the writing of a book, handling matters relating to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center and generally perpetuating the image of her late husband. (S) (U)

Source advised that as of early December, 1968, Coretta Scott King had engaged Andrew J. Young, Executive Vice President, SCLC, in a consulting capacity in which position he serves in addition to his duties with SCLC. (S) (U)

With reference to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center, the Atlanta Journal, daily Atlanta newspaper on Page 2A, of its Blue Streak Edition, January 15, 1969, published an article by lined Harmon Perry and captioned "King's Widow Tells Of Plans for Center". This article reflected the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center was planned as "... a tribute and realistic attempt to carry on the ideals" for which Reverend King lived and died. A portion of this article is set forth below:

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The center, to be developed in two parts, will be funded by grants from foundations, corporations and private gifts. It will operate under a first-year budget of \$150,000.

In announcing creation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center, Mrs. King said the facility will seek to extend her husband's best hopes and dreams.

Mrs. King said the center will attempt to meet the needs facing black people, but all persons are invited to participate in it in the search for creative ways to liberate the future of all peoples from oppression and fear.

Plans call for the center to be developed in two parts. The first will include restoration of Dr. King's birthplace on Auburn Avenue and continuance of activities at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where he shared the pulpit with his father.

THE SECOND PART of the center will be developed in the Atlanta University complex, and will include an institute for Afro-American studies, a museum of Afro-American life and an institute for non-violent social change.

Both sites are necessary to tell the story of Martin Luther King Jr., Mrs. King said.

The announcement was made at the Interdenominational Theological Center where the Martin Luther King Jr. Library project will operate under the direction of Dr. Vincent Harding.

The library is now seeking an additional grant of \$50,000 to add an oral history section.

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A second confidential source advised during the middle of January, 1969, that on January 13, 1969, Coretta Scott King discussed with Stanley Levison the contents of a statement regarding the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center which she contemplated releasing to the news media. (X)u

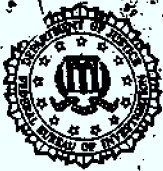
On January 13, 1969, the above source learned that Levison was currently one of the primary trustees of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center and had participated in major planning therefore. (X)u

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**FROM: SAC, ATLANTA**

**SUBJECT: CORETTA SCOTT KING**  
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- 2 - Bureau (RM) (Encs. 8) *Re Martin Luther King*
- 1 - New York (RM) (Enc. 1)
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- (1 - 100-6351)
- (1 - 157-621) (ANDREW YOUNG)

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On January 13, 1969, a confidential source advised he understood that in the near future Coretta Scott King, widow of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., former President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), contemplated traveling to India. In connection with this travel, Mrs. King had requested Andrew J. Young, Executive Vice President, SCLC, to accompany her. (C)

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Source was unable to furnish any further details regarding the above except he understood Mrs. King would depart the United States in the very near future. (C)

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During December, 1968, source advised he had learned that Young, in addition to his position with SCLC, was employed by Coretta Scott King as a consultant. (C)

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On January 15, 1969, The Blue Streak Edition of the Atlanta Journal Daily Newspaper, Atlanta, Georgia, on Page 12B, in a column entitled "Names in the News", published the following item datelined New Delhi, "The widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mrs. Coretta King, will visit India for five days beginning January 21 to receive on behalf of her husband the \$13,333.00 Jawaharlal Nehru Award for international understanding".

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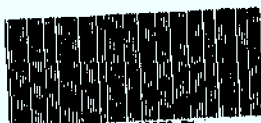
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February 5, 1969

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Dr. Henry A. Kissinger  
Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Dr. Kissinger:

This will confirm the information furnished  
February 4, 1969, to  of your office.

A source of this Bureau who has furnished  
reliable information in the past advised that Mrs. Coretta  
King, widow of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., planned  
to call the President to discuss with him a proposed  
memorial center commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Stanley David Levison, an advisor to Mrs. King,  
has suggested that Mrs. King would not want to place herself  
under any obligation by asking the President for help but  
suggested that she take the approach that it is not a question  
of asking the President for a favor but rather that the  
Federal Government owes it to the Negro to establish such a  
memorial.

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Dr. Henry A. Kissinger

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Another source of this Bureau who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that Stanley David Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, USA, as late as 1963. (S) (U)

The above information is being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE:

First source is [ ] who furnished the information on 2/4/69. Second source is NY 694-S\*. Information orally furnished Secret Service. (S) (U) b2

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TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108052)

DATE: 3/5/69

FROM

SAC, ATLANTA (100-6351)

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SUBJECT

CORETTA SCOTT KING  
RM  
(OO: Atlanta)

DATE 4/10/83 BY SP4CLW/VJA

Re Bulet to Atlanta, 8/1/68, and Atlanta letter  
to Bureau, 12/30/68.

Submitted below is information pursuant to  
referenced Bulet:

STANLEY LEVISON on 1/6/69 counseled CORETTA KING  
regarding a request for her to address the Atlanta Press  
Club and choice of architects for the MARTIN LUTHER KING,  
JR. Memorial. CORETTA reminded LEVISON of a meeting (not  
described) to be held on 1/9-10/69. LEVISON said he would  
attend this meeting on 1/9/69.

STANLEY LEVISON on 1/9/69 advised [redacted]  
identified to source as [redacted] for CORETTA KING, what  
action CORETTA should take with regard to a copy of a tape  
one, [redacted] who claimed to be a journalist, desired  
to send to CORETTA KING for her lawyers. This tape allegedly  
related to a conversation between JAMES EARL RAY and an  
unknown person.

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On 1/13/69, STANLEY LEVISON and CORETTA KING  
discussed the contents of a statement that she planned to  
submit to the press in regard to the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
Memorial Center (MLKMC).

The Atlanta Journal, daily Atlanta newspaper,  
Page 2A of its 1/15/69 Blue Streak Edition published an  
article by-lined HARMON PERRY, captioned "King's Widow  
Tells of Plans for Center" (i.e. MLKMC).

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During the early part of January, 1969, LEVISON had discussed with [ ] a contribution from them to the MLKMC. LEVISON referred to himself as one of the primary trustees of this center and that he had participated in its major planning. [ ]

On 1/13/69, LEVISON informed CORETTA KING of the [ ] decision not to contribute a large sum of money to the MLKMC and the consequent need for them to approach other people for money.

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STANLEY LEVISON informed CORETTA KING on 1/14/69, the [ ] had decided to contribute \$10,000.00 to the MLKMC. LEVISON instructed her to have [ ] arrange details of payment. LEVISON also informed CORETTA KING he was arranging for JACK O'DELL to meet with the individual (not identified) working on the movie of the Life of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

STANLEY LEVISON planned to meet CORETTA KING on the afternoon of 1/28/69 at the JOHN F. KENNEDY National Airport, New York City, upon her return from India and to attend her Press Conference that date.

DORA E. MC DONALD, Secretary to the President, SCLC, on 2/4/69, advised STANLEY LEVISON that CORETTA KING contemplated calling President NIXON that date in order to discuss the MLKMC. MC DONALD expressed apprehension that by calling the President, CORETTA might obligate herself. LEVISON explained to MC DONALD that there was no harm in CORETTA talking to the President provided she took the approach she was not asking any favor but rather that the Federal Government was obligated to the Negro and the memory of KING, JR. to establish a memorial. LEVISON



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also pointed out to MC DONALD that he had previously instructed CORETTA to follow the above approach when speaking to the President.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
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INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM

Re Atlanta airtel and LHM, 2/14/69, captioned as above.

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ON 10-2-84

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight copies of an LHM and for Memphis one copy.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is [redacted] information from whom must be classified ~~confidential~~.

Source advised RALPH D. ABERNATHY was summoned by the KINGS on 3/2/69. He was greatly disturbed by their attitude and still chafing [redacted]

The Rev. ABERNATHY complained [redacted] that CORETTA KING and "the old man" "chewed the hell out of me". He accused his staff of being indiscreet as to SCLC business discussed by it on the outside. *(u)*

- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 9) (RM)
- 1 - Memphis (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 5 - Atlanta (1 - 100-5718)

- (1 - [redacted])
- (1 - 100-6351) (CORETTA KING)
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*J.C. Brooks*

A confidential source advised [redacted] he had learned that [redacted] Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), met with Coretta Scott King and Reverend Martin Luther King, Sr. widow and father respectively of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., former President, SCLC, at their request. Mrs. King and her father-in-law informed Abernathy they were greatly upset over "reports" they had received indicating that SCLC contemplated holding a "moral court" in Memphis, Tennessee, during the latter part of March or early April, 1969. Coretta King told Abernathy she would be embarrassed to participate in such an activity and acidly inquired why her opinion had not been solicited prior to SCLC deciding upon such a course of action. *(u)*

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Abernathy explained to Coretta and Reverend King, Sr., the idea of the "moral court" was simply one of several proposed activities which had recently been discussed by the SCLC staff to be held on or about April 4, 1969 in commemoration of the assassination of Reverend King, Jr. He said a firm decision on these proposals had not yet been reached with one exception. That exception Abernathy assured Coretta was a definite decision that SCLC would not conduct a "moral court" in connection with any activity on or about April 4, 1969. *(u)*

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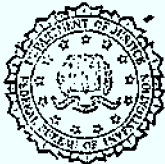
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It was source's understanding that Abernathy was quite unhappy as a result of what he felt was a confrontation with Coretta and Reverend King, Sr. ~~X~~

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On March 9, 1969, a confidential source advised Stanley Levison and Harry Wachtel discussed the content of a statement which Wachtel was preparing for use of Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr., in the event James Earl Ray, alleged assassin of Reverend King, pleaded guilty.

According to source, Levison and Wachtel agreed on the language of this statement which when completed, in part, read as follows:

"to the family of Martin Luther King there is a sense of emotional relief, for the moment. We have been spared the trial which would compel us to re-live the fearfully tragic event of his death. But we realize this is but a respite. This plea of guilty must not be allowed to close the case, to end the search for the many fingers which helped pull the trigger. We shall press the State of Tennessee and the Federal Government to continue until all who are responsible for this crime have been apprehended. Not until then can the conscience of the nation rest".

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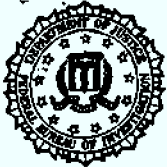
The Atlanta Constitution, daily Atlanta newspaper, on the front page of its March 11, 1969 edition, published an article captioned "Widow Says It's Not Over". This article referred to the plea of guilty by James Earl Ray on March 10, 1969 in Memphis, Tennessee. It set forth comments of Coretta Scott King regarding Ray's plea which in part were as follows.

(Ray's plea)- -"cannot be allowed to close the case, to end the search for the many fingers which helped pull the trigger". For her family she said "there is a sense of emotional relief". "For the moment, we have been spared a trial which would compel us to relive the fearfully tragic events of his death". "But we realize this is but a respite". According to Coretta Scott King "all concerned people must press the State of Tennessee and the U. S. Government to continue until all who are responsible for this crime have been apprehended". "Not until then can the conscience of the nation rest".

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DATE: 3/28/69

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SUBJECT: CORETTA SCOTT KING  
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Re Atlanta airtel and LHM 1/21/69

Referenced communications set out information regarding the connection of [redacted]

[redacted] with the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Memorial Center (MLKMC).

Referenced airtel proposed that after pertinent file review Atlanta would submit a recommendation regarding [redacted]. It was originally contemplated that effort might be made to contact [redacted] seeking his cooperation as to existence of possible outside influences on the MLKMC and on CORETTA SCOTT KING.

Prior information furnished by [redacted] indicates STANLEY LEVISON has been very active on behalf of the MLKMC as well as frequently advising CORETTA SCOTT KING on a variety of matters.

On 1/13/69 [redacted] (New York airtel and LHM 1/15/69, "COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS - C") advised LEVISON referred to a recent meeting in Atlanta concerned with the MLKMC. He said at this meeting MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR., spoke and praised him. "LEVISON related that this speech by MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR., devastated [redacted]"

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with CORETTA SCOTT KING.

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In view of the foregoing, and noting [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] it is felt we may be premature in pursuing  
contact of him.

The practicality of contacting [REDACTED] will  
be reconsidered in 90 days and the Bureau advised at  
that time.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106870)  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-6670D)  
SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC  
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On 3/20/69, WFO advised of receipt of information from an informant that [redacted] had recently asked RALPH D. ABERNATHY to step aside as President of SCLC and that ABERNATHY was increasingly fearful of assassination.

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The 3/18/69, issue of The Atlanta Journal carried an article by JACK NELSON of the Los Angeles Times News Service referring to an interview with RALPH D. ABERNATHY. This article refers to ABERNATHY's position as President of SCLC being shaky and Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. taking a more active role in the organization which implied that Mrs. KING would replace ABERNATHY.

In response to the above article, ABERNATHY sent a telegram to the Los Angeles Times News Service and at the same time sending a copy of the telegram to the Atlanta Journal, which telegram was published in the Atlanta Journal on 3/21/69. In the telegram ABERNATHY refers to gross errors of fact and incorrect opinions in NELSON's article and emphatically denied saying anything to NELSON remotely suggesting his leadership as President of SCLC needed solidifying or that it was shaky. ABERNATHY further stated that reports of dissension in SCLC were malicious rumors and deliberate attempts to bring about division between him and Mrs. KING.

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It is noted that [redacted] advised on 3/25/69, that he is in receipt of no information to indicate that plans are actually in the making to replace ABERNATHY as President of SCLC with Mrs. CORETTA KING. \*

As the Bureau is aware, periodically various offices advise Atlanta of receipt of anonymous threats against the life of ABERNATHY. In the past Atlanta has not furnished such information directly to ABERNATHY, but has followed the policy of immediately passing the information on to an appropriate official of the Atlanta Police Department, who in turn advises ABERNATHY. This policy was established several years ago, when MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was President of SCLC, due to the fact KING was traveling extensively and was not cooperative when efforts were made to locate him in Atlanta for the purpose of advising him of threats against his life.

It now appears that some advantage may be gained by changing the existing policy of informing ABERNATHY regarding receipt of information relating to threats against his life. It is felt that by notifying ABERNATHY directly upon receipt of information relating to threats against his life, some rapport may be developed with him at this particular time when the possibility exists of him being concerned about his possible assassination as well as his position as President of SCLC being shaky and the possible taking over of his position by Mrs. CORETTA KING.

Another strong factor of a counter intelligence nature to consider in changing the existing policy to notify ABERNATHY directly would be the disruptive effect of confusing and worrying him by reminding him of continuous threats against his life.

It is recommended that in the future upon receipt of such information, Atlanta notify ABERNATHY directly and in turn notify appropriate officials of the Atlanta Police Department.

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9:15 PM URGENT 6-20-69 AWS

TO DIRECTOR 100-136670 (CODE)

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 100-136585

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Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM-C, OO: AT.

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: ATLANTA

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (CLASSIFY "~~SECRET~~") ON JUNE TWO ZERO

SIXTYNINE:

ON JUNE TWO ZERO, SIXTYNINE, CORETTA KING TOLD STANLEY LEVISON THAT ETHEL KENNEDY HAD CONTACTED HER THAT DATE TO SAY SHE WAS SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAS BEEN IN THE PAPER (APPARENTLY REFERRING TO THE ARTICLE CONCERNING THE AUTHORIZATION FROM ROBERT F. KENNEDY, WHEN ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO TAP MARTIN LUTHER KING'S TELEPHONES). CORETTA ADDED THAT ETHEL KENNEDY IMPLIED THAT SHE HOPED THIS WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THEIR FRIENDSHIP. CORETTA SAID SHE REPLIED THAT SHE UNDERSTOOD HOW THE PRESS CAN BE DEVISIVE AT TIMES AND THAT THIS DOES NOT COLOR HER ATTITUDE IN ANYWAY TOWARD THE (KENNEDY) FAMILY.

CORETTA ALSO TOLD LEVISON THAT ETHEL KENNEDY SAID "THEY" HAD A MEETING AT HER HOME THE PREVIOUS NIGHT AND TALKED

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AS IF CORETTA KNEW WHAT THE MEETING WAS ABOUT. CORETTA SAID SHE DID NOT KNOW WHAT ETHEL KENNEDY WAS TALKING ABOUT AND DID NOT WANT TO ASK HER.

LEVISON COMMENTED THAT HE FELT CORETTA'S ANSWER WAS EXACTLY RIGHT BECAUSE THERE IS NO POINT IN ATTEMPTING TO ASSESS WHAT ROLE BOBBY KENNEDY PLAYED SINCE THERE IS NO WAY OF REALLY KNOWING.

CORETTA STATED THAT THIS WAS "SORT OF PASSING THE BUCK, AND THEY'RE TRYING TO PUT IT ALL OFF ON HIM". SHE ADDED THAT HE MAY HAVE AGREED AND GONE ALONG WITH IT.

LEVISON REMARKED THAT THEY KNOW KING, WHETHER HE FELT BOBBY KENNEDY WAS INVOLVED OR NOT, STILL MAINTAINED A FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. HE SAID IF KING FELT BOBBY KENNEDY HAD DONE ANYTHING, HE FORGAVE HIM NO DOUBT BASED ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE TIME, THE FACT HE WAS ALWAYS SUPER NERVOUS ABOUT HIS BROTHER (PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY). LEVISON SAID THIS IS THE ATTITUDE CORETTA SHOULD TAKE. HE SAID IF THE PRESS "WANTS TO DIG UP GARBAGE" IT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO INTERFERE WITH A CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP.

CORETTA SAID THAT FOLLOWING HER CONVERSATION WITH ETHEL KENNEDY, THE PHONE RANG AGAIN AND THAT THE GIRL WHO

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ANSWERED SAID IT WAS SENATOR KENNEDY. CORETTA SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS CUT OFF. SHE AND LEVISON AGREED THAT SENATOR (TED) KENNEDY MAY HAVE FOUND OUT THAT ETHEL CONTACTED CORETTA AND DECIDED NOT TO GO THROUGH WITH THE CALL.

LEVISON CONTINUED THAT THE PRESSURE AT THIS POINT HAS COME FROM MANY LIBERALS WHO RESENT FBI DIRECTOR HOOVER'S ROLE, AND THAT HOOVER GAVE AN ANSWER. HE ADDED THAT HOOVER HAS BEEN ANSWERED BACK BY (RAMSEY) CLARK, AND THAT CLARK'S ANSWER IS RIGHT.

LEVISON GAVE HIS OPINION THAT THE ENTIRE AFFAIR WILL "DRIFT AWAY" AND ADDED THAT "IT'S NOT THE KIND OF THING YOU CAN KEEP GOING." LEVISON FELT THE ENTIRE THING WILL BE FORGOTTEN BUT THAT FBI DIRECTOR HOOVER WILL BE BOTHERED BY IT BECAUSE IT LEAVES HIM AS THE MAN RESPONSIBLE.

CORETTA AGREED, STATING "I FEELS LIKE HE IS THE MOST GUILTY."

LEVISON COMMENTED THAT CORETTA'S SUGGESTION THAT SHE GET TOGETHER WITH ETHEL KENNEDY COULD BE FRUITFUL AND SHOULD  
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BE DONE REASONABLY SOON. LEVISON SUGGESTED THAT CORETTA  
SET UP THE MEETING AND THAT THEY COULD TALK ABOUT IT BEFORE  
SHE AND ETHEL KENNEDY MEET.

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NO ~~LETTER~~ BEING SUBMITTED.

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TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108052)

DATE: 7/3/69

FROM :

SAC, ATLANTA (100-6351) (P)

SUBJECT:

CORETTA SCOTT KING  
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(OO: Atlanta)

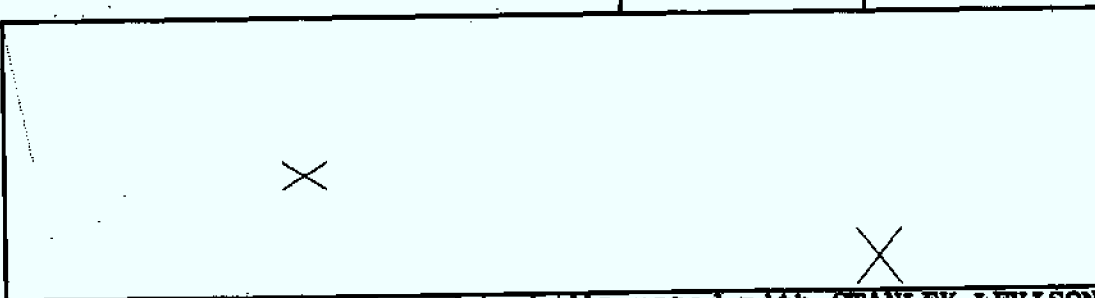
Re Bulet to Atlanta, 8/1/68, and Atlanta letter  
to Bureau, 3/5/69.

Submitted below is information pursuant to  
referenced Bulet.

On 3/9/69, STANLEY LEVISON and HARRY WACHTEL  
discussed the content of a statement which WACHTEL was  
preparing for subject to use in the event JAMES EARL RAY  
pleaded guilty. They agreed on the language to be used  
and source furnished a portion of the statement. The  
Atlanta Constitution, daily Atlanta newspaper on the front  
page of its 3/10/69 edition, published an article captioned  
"Widow Says It's Not Over". This article referred to the  
plea of guilty by RAY on 3/10/69 and set forth comments  
of subject which paralleled very closely the language  
prepared by LEVISON and WACHTEL on 3/9/69.

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On 4/1/69, subject discussed with STANLEY LEVISON  
the possibility of suing JAMES EARL RAY for the approximate  
\$175,000 RAY might realize on material pertaining to MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR. LEVISON expressed disagreement with the  
practicality of such action on subject's part. On this  
occasion, subject also expressed to LEVISON her distrust  
of the FBI.

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On 4/18/69, LEVISON stated he had been working with subject on her book which had to be completed by 4/19/69 and had managed to include in it some matters which the publisher desired to keep out. Two of these things he said were the Vietnam War and the fact that KING, JR., did not have a one dimensional negative attitude toward black militants and black nationalists but rather that they had a mutual respect.

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On 4/29/69, subject traveled from Atlanta to Charleston, S. C. to participate in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) activity on behalf of striking hospital workers in Charleston. Subject was accompanied by STANLEY LEVISON on her departure that date from Atlanta. (C) (U)

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[REDACTED] (C) (U)

On 5/2/69, STANLEY LEVISON recommended to ANDREW J. YOUNG, Executive Vice President, SCLC, that subject return to Charleston, S.C. approximately ten days after her 4/29/69 visit there. LEVISON said her re-appearance should be solely for the purpose of indicating her continued support of the strikers in Charleston.

[REDACTED]

STANLEY LEVISON told subject on 5/20/69, he was not in favor of her being the key note speaker at the 1969 SCLC Convention. LEVISON said subject should not place herself in a policymaking position at the convention but should rather limit her participation to cultural matters at this affair.

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[REDACTED]

STANLEY LEVISON and HARRY WACHTEL on 6/13/69 discussed the content of a letter to be sent as of that date by subject to President NIXON dealing with the matter of the Federal Government sponsoring a proposed Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Center.

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Subject on 6/20/69 discussed with STANLEY LEVISON her conversation that date with ETHEL KENNEDY regarding the recent news media controversy pertaining to KING, JR. Subject said this controversy did not change her friendship with the KENNEDY family. Subject told LEVISON she planned to meet with ETHEL KENNEDY. LEVISON said he felt this could be fruitful and suggested he and the subject discuss such a meeting before it takes place.

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[Redacted Address]

Dear [Redacted Name]

Your letter of July 26th and enclosures have been received.

*MRS*

In reply to your inquiry, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. She encloses a newspaper clipping regarding the wiretaps on Martin Luther King and the picture in "The Augusta Courier" 7-8-63 of Martin Luther King attending the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee, well known to the Bureau.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Shortly after King's death, the enclosed photo began circulating among the white employees in our office. Most were afraid to check it out. I brought it home and am just now writing to ask whether this is propaganda or true. I am also enclosing a column I clipped from the Tulsa morning paper concerning King.

I belong to the Tulsa branch of American Association of University Women which has headquarters in Washington, D. C. This organization has requested donations or contributions to the Coretta Scott King scholarship. I have not made a contribution as I am not satisfied about King's possible communist affiliation.

I am disturbed about any person of influence attempting to disrupt our government or to promote communism here. I have read Mr. Hoover's book on communism and it has caused more speculation about King, on my part.

I will appreciate an answer about the Augusta Courier photo.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



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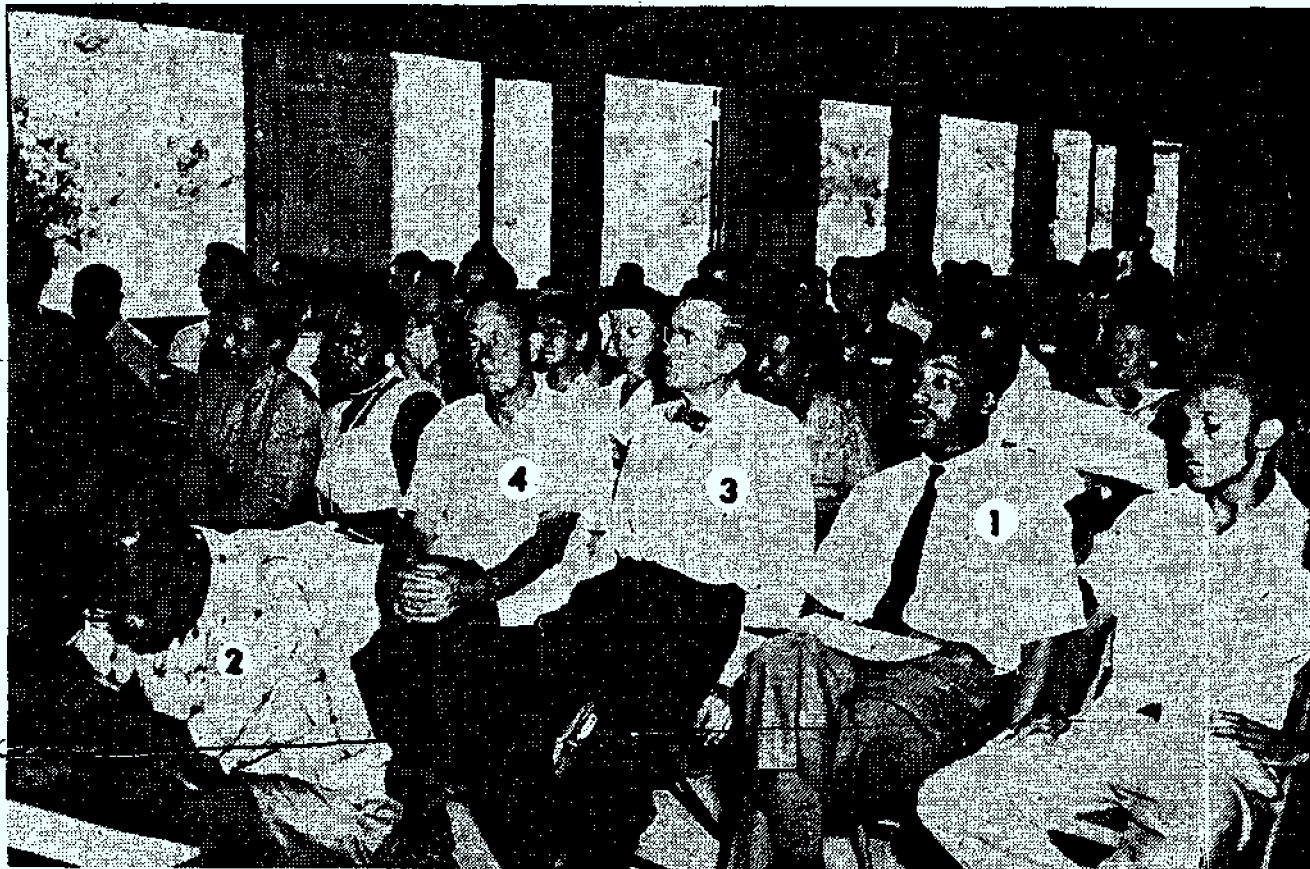


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# MARTIN LUTHER KING....AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twelve years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in United States.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle Tennessee.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108052)

DATE: 8/21/69

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (100-6351) (P)

SUBJECT: CORETTA SCOTT KING  
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ReBulet to Atlanta, 8/1/68, and Atlanta  
letter, 7/3/69, *in 44*

Subsequent to remylet, no pertinent  
information re subject has been received.

Pertinent information, when received  
or developed, will be submitted promptly pursuant  
to reBulet.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
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This is a review of the book, "My Life With Martin Luther King, Jr." by Coretta Scott King, published in 1969 by Holt, Rinehart and Winston. The book is being placed in the Bureau library. Excerpts from this book were published in Life magazine on 9/12/69 and 9/19/69 under the title "He Had A Dream." CLASSIFIED DECISIONS FINALIZED BY

DEPARTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC)

SYNOPSIS: DATE: 7-11-90 6972 KEP/SL  
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We have never investigated Mrs. King but there are numerous references in our files to her activities in connection with her husband's activities and about her pacifist activities. She acknowledges the assistance of Stanley Levison (a former communist) in writing this book. Levison boasted that he was able to get things he wanted into the book. The book, being a widow's epitaph, depicts a saintly couple with saintly children surrounded by saintly associates.

The portrayal of a number of incidents in the book is far from accurate. References to the Bureau are not derogatory.

ACTION:

For information.

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RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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DETAILS:

Review of Bureau Files

We have never investigated Mrs. King. Our files contain numerous references to her in connection with her husband's activities and her own activities in pacifist organizations such as the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Book Review

In her acknowledgment at the front of the book Mrs. King stated that Stanley Levison had read the entire manuscript and had offered many useful suggestions. She also acknowledged the valuable legal and personal assistance she got from Harry Wachtel. Later in the book she said Levison and Wachtel were two of King's dear friends and that King sought their advice and used them as sounding boards for his ideas. She said Levison always worked in the background and his contribution was indispensable. She added that Levison and Wachtel were two of the most important supporters of her husband's work and that they continued to assist her in many valuable ways to this day.

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Levison, a white attorney, is identified as a secret member of the Communist Party (CP) as late as 1963. He did not think the CP's program on civil rights was sufficiently militant and his break with the CP was tactical rather than ideological. (U) (S)

[redacted] Wachtel's wife was a CP club chairman in 1944 and Wachtel's name was also contained in CP records although his relationship with the CP is not known. S (S) u

In April, 1969, one of our sources reported that Levison said he was busy working with Mrs. King on her book. He said that because it was completed just before the deadline he was able to get some things into it that the publisher wanted to keep out. He said two of the things he got into the book were

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an attack on the Vietnam war and the fact that King did not have a "one-dimensional, negative attitude" toward black militants and black nationalists but that there was mutual respect with these people. ~~X~~ u

Mrs. King's treatment of the incidents contained in the book must be read as that of a wife writing about her dead husband and about her impressions concerning his activities-- a widow's epitaph. A lack of objectivity and a biased report overemphasizing the importance of these activities are to be expected in such a book and are present in this book. Mrs. King's book depicts, page after page, a saintly couple, with saintly children, surrounded by saintly associates. She compares King with Christ on a number of occasions. Also on one occasion she makes the statement that "taking the world as a whole, his (Martin Luther King, Jr.) influence may even be greater than that of the Pope."

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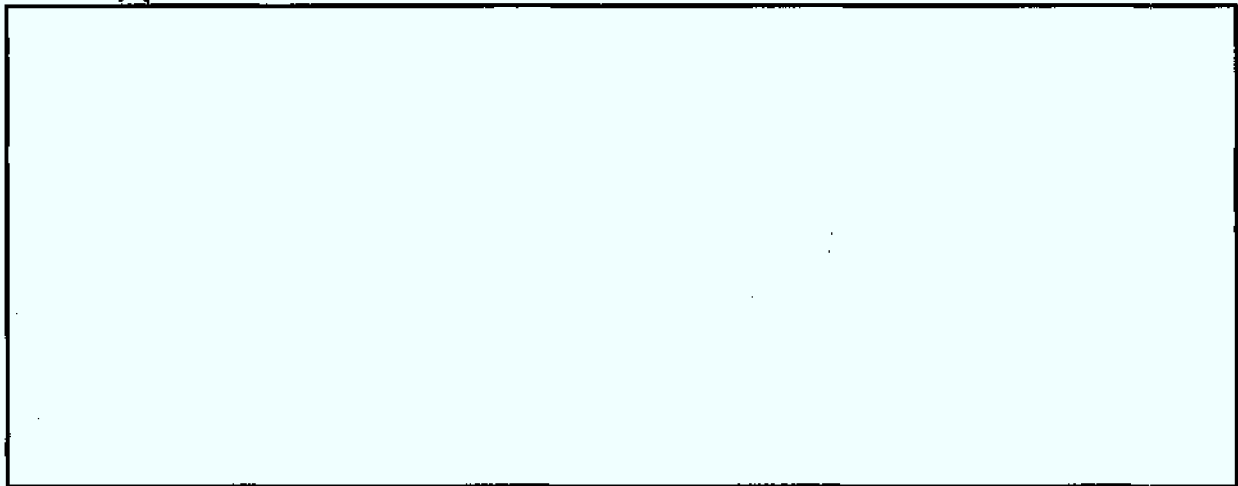
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Concerning Mrs. King's pride, conceit and materialistic outlook one of our sources in June, 1968, reported that Stanley Levison commented that Mrs. King was resentful of the money the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was currently receiving from donations following King's death and appeared to feel the civil rights movement owed her a living.

Our sources also reported that, according to Levison, Mrs. King wanted top leadership after King's death. Levison told her she did not have the capacity to solve problems and that she underestimated the gravity of the problems and overestimated herself. Levison expressed the opinion in June, 1968, that Mrs. King's conceit was such that she could not be afraid of writing the book. ~~u~~



The book is full of incidents, described in mythlike goodness and light, which in reality were far, far from it. 



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One such incident was the description by Mrs. King of the actions of King's entourage in a hotel in Oslo, Norway, prior to his receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in December, 1964. They arrived in Oslo on 12/8/64 and King was awarded the prize on 12/10/64 and left for Stockholm, Sweden on 12/11/64. The evening in the Oslo Hotel was described by Mrs. King as one of hymn singing and a gathering together in simple fellowship and the warmth of oneness.

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In the epilogue to her book Mrs. King thanked the people who sent checks to continue her husband's work and those who sent checks specifically to the children and herself. She said she had used these gifts to assist her in setting up and maintaining a staff and an office to handle the large volume of mail and "the myriad requests made of me."

This selfless, magnanimous, decorous attitude is belied by Mrs. King's actual shrewd, calculating, businesslike activities. In August, 1968, following King's death in April, 1968, Levison and Harry Belafonte, the Negro entertainer, conferred on Belafonte's concern over a request by Mrs. King for fifty percent of an SCLC fund. Levison said her request, which amounted to about \$200,000 was for fifty percent of the Martin Luther King Fund which was established with the understanding that it would be shared with her. A confrontation between Mrs. King and the SCLC leadership was imminent over this matter and many other things. Levison, Mrs. King's devoted friend and protector, told Belafonte that only about half the money that had been collected for the Martin Luther King Fund had been put into that fund. Therefore, if Mrs. King's request was granted, she would still only receive about twenty percent of the fund.

On page 245, in writing about the death of President Kennedy Mrs. King mentioned the courage of Mrs. Kennedy and added that for all their philosophical explanations and their deep faith in God, she and King were still personally in a dark abyss of sorrow for "this gallant, compassionate and wise man." She indicated that in a way President Kennedy was King's best friend.

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RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Mrs. King in the book recounts how in the Summer of 1965 King went to Chicago for an SCLC drive and decided not to stay at a hotel but to rent a slum apartment in order to share with the people of the ghetto the kind of life that was imposed upon them daily by the system. She said he was almost like a Messiah to these ghetto dwellers.

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On page 339 Mrs. King states "Bernona Clayton - a woman of many talents - performed the task of assembling many dresses for my period of mourning, from which I chose the dresses I wore at the funeral."

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On page 57 of her book Mrs. King said her husband had, of course, read Karl Marx who, he said, convinced him that neither Marxism nor traditional capitalism held the whole truth but each a partial truth. She claimed he said "I could never be a communist."

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This is a variance with the appraisal of Stanley Levison who in 1962 passed the word to Gus Hall, General Secretary of the Communist Party, USA, that King is a whole-hearted Marxist who has studied it (Marxism), believes in it and agrees with it, but because of his being a minister of religion, does not dare to espouse it publicly. ~~JS~~ (U)

References to the FBI

On page 227 she mentioned that when King was in jail in Birmingham, Alabama, in April, 1963, she feared he was being held incommunicado. After trying to reach President Kennedy, he called her back and told her "We sent the FBI into Birmingham last night. We checked on your husband and he is alright." At the request of Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall the Bureau did interview the chief of police in Birmingham on 4/14/63 who said King was in good health and was not being held incommunicado. In fact he had conferred with four attorneys on 4/13/69.

On page 247 she mentioned that the FBI had found the bodies of the three civil workers slain in Philadelphia, Mississippi.

On page 265 she tells about the march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, in March, 1955. During this march there was a rumor that King was to be assassinated by a man disguised as a minister. She then said "while we maintained unarmed guard, we understand the FBI was on hand guarding Martin all the time." This statement, while reported only as an understanding on her part, is a complete falsehood; we never guarded King.

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October 15, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. DE LOACH  
MR. ROSEN  
MR. SULLIVAN  
MR. BISHOP

I called Deputy Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst, who was in the office of the Attorney General, and advised him that I had talked with our Atlanta Office and they tell me that Mrs. Coretta King departed Atlanta this afternoon; that they did not know exactly what time the plane left Atlanta, but the airport advises she boarded a plane this afternoon for Washington. Mr. Kleindienst thanked me.

I told him further that I had asked our Atlanta Office to try, if they can, to find out whether the plane is to land at Friendship or National Airport. Mr. Kleindienst said that if we find out and he is not in the Attorney General's office, he would be at the Mayor's Command Post for the rest of the evening and we can get hold of him over there.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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MR. DE LOACH  
MR. ROSEN  
MR. SULLIVAN  
MR. BISHOP

I called Deputy Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst, who was in the Attorney General's office, and advised him that Mrs. Coretta King was due at Friendship Airport at 6:15 PM and the Maryland State Police are there and the D. C. Police. Mr. Kleindienst said that was right as they were set up to meet her, but they wanted to be sure she was on the plane. I told him she was on the plane and was due to arrive at 6:15 PM at Friendship. Mr. Kleindienst said that was fine, as it makes a difference as to when the march starts. I commented that it takes time to get in from Friendship and he agreed.

Very truly yours,

J.E.H.

John Edgar Hoover  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. DE LOACH  
MR. ROSEN  
MR. SULLIVAN  
MR. BISHOP

Deputy Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst called. He said he was sorry to bother me by a trifling matter, but Mrs. Coretta King was supposed to have left Atlanta at 4:30 this afternoon by Eastern Airlines to arrive at Friendship Airport at 6:15 PM. Mr. Kleindienst said that they have arranged to give her protection so she can head this march tonight and then get her out of town. Mr. Kleindienst wanted to know if somebody in the Bureau could determine whether, as a matter of fact, she did leave Atlanta so they would know when to anticipate her arrival.

I told him I would check, but I did see in the paper this morning an article quoting her as being in New York. Mr. Kleindienst said there were two or three -- Baltimore, New York, et cetera. I told him I would find out whether she left Atlanta on the 4:30 PM Eastern Airline flight, as I would check with our Atlanta Office.

Mr. Kleindienst said he would be either in his office or in the Attorney General's Office.

[redacted] in Mr. Tolson's Office was instructed to contact the Atlanta Office by phone and as soon as he obtained an answer back, to let me know so that I might advise Mr. Kleindienst.

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To: SAC, Atlanta (100-6351)

From: Director, FBI (62-108052)

CORETTA SCOTT KING  
RACIAL MATTERS

Suairtel and advise of any information you possess regarding individual or individuals who may be writing speeches being given by Mrs. King or assisting her in writing these speeches.

If you conduct any inquiries to ascertain this data, they should be handled on a most discreet basis and with established sources only.

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| Mr. Conrad   |     |
| Mr. Felt     |     |

J. Edgar Hoover Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigators  
 Washington, D.C.

*C. Moore*

Dear Sir:

I realize you cannot answer my question,

I nevertheless will ask, WHY this subversive person is allowed to lead these moronic left wingers into one public nuisance after the other. She and "old mealy mouthed Abernathy" are two very busy anarchists. She is just as RED as her former husband was, and a more subtle actor. Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR Observe her exquisitely groomed self, expensive apparel, and syrupy tones (much overdone) to this critic. And on many occasions the orchids on the shoulder, as she leads of all things a parade for the poor! Just contemplate the good that could be done for the poor if (Mr.) Abernathy would sell his cladi-llac to buy them food. And the rest of this "gang" were to use their Moscow furnished allowances for food for the poor! Instead of guns to kill Whitey.

The tax payers get restive when the things their hard earned money are damaged and destroyed to impress the world with their <sup>we BRO</sup> power.

They have all ready gone much too far.

Sincerely,

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# *We Still Have A Choice,*

Isn't this a case for the Un-American Activities Committee?

## *Mrs. King Tells Marchers*

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Amid the jostling and the crushing, the lights and photographers, Coretta King walked with head high, face serene and hands cradling a candle to symbolize peace.

And in front of the house where Richard Nixon lives, as President of a troubled nation, the widow of Martin Luther King paused, bowed her head, and touched the candle to a much bigger one on a brass stand and for a moment was herself a symbol.

And when she moved on, 35,000 — some say more — came after her as if she were a Pied Piper for Peace.

"We still have a choice," she said earlier to those thousands as they sat in the autumn chill on the grassy slopes beneath the Washington Monument. "We can have nonviolent coexistence or violent annihilation. My friends, which will we chose?"

The choice, to this crowd, was clear. After the speech-making was done, they too lit candles and walked, silent and orderly, to the White House to petition their President for peace.



(AP Wirephoto)

MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING LED PROCESSION  
... candlelight parade marched to White House

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of SA [redacted] 7/19/50, at WFO re [redacted]  
Sources used to characterize RANDOLPH BLACKWELL are [redacted]  
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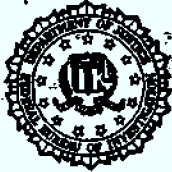
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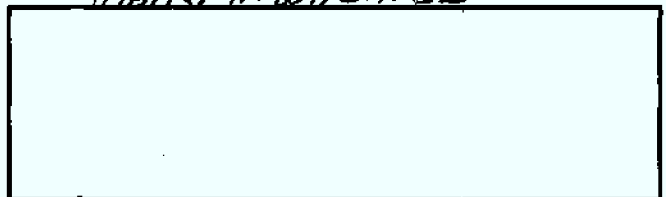
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RACIAL MATTER

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On October 23, 1969, a confidential source advised he understood that on October 22, 1969, Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr., former President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), met with Walter Fauntroy, SCLC Representative, Washington, D.C., Randolph T. Blackwell, former Program Director, SCLC, and Harry Wachtel. This meeting was held in Atlanta Headquarters of SCLC. Source was unable to furnish any further details. (U)

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*MRS. HARRY H. WACHTEL*



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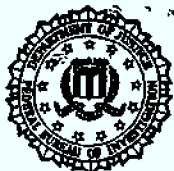
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Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta, 10/17/69.

On 12/17/69, [redacted] advised that for some time,

[redacted] ANDREW J.  
 YOUNG, Executive Vice President, SCLC, was serving subject  
 in an advisory capacity. Informant, on 10/21/69, advised  
 it was generally understood among [redacted]  
 [redacted] that YOUNG continued to advise subject on various  
 matters. Informant was unable to furnish information any  
 more specific. He stated he did not know that YOUNG assisted  
 subject in preparing speeches, but in view of YOUNG's  
 capabilities, it would be logical to assume he does so  
 on occasions. (U)

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Prior Atlanta communications to Bureau in captioned  
 matter established that shortly following the death of  
 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., STANLEY LEVISON commenced advising  
 subject on various matters including speeches made by her.  
 This information, as furnished by [redacted] is briefly  
 set forth below.

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On 6/13/68, "The New York Times" (page 31) published an article date-lined 6/12/68, Cambridge, Massachusetts, referring to a speech by subject that date at Harvard University. In her speech, subject referred to the inadequate response of the government to the assassination of her husband, ROBERT KENNEDY, and also referred to the Vietnam war. Following this speech, [redacted] told LEVISON she had learned that subject, in the above speech, had mentioned the speech which LEVISON had put in it. (Atlanta letter, 8/12/68, page 6)

On 7/6/68, subject discussed with LEVISON her invitation to address the Committee on Resolutions of the 1968 Republican Convention. LEVISON dictated a letter to this committee for the subject declining its invitation. (Supra, page 7)

NORMAN COUSINS, Editor, "Saturday Review", sponsored a conference of women 7/23/68 in New York City. LEVISON on 7/21/68 told subject he had prepared her speech for this conference and requested she acquaint herself with it in advance. (Supra, page 8)

LEVISON on 11/18/68, discussed with subject the content of an address she would give at a dinner 11/22/68 in honor of Governor OTTO KERNER of Illinois. (Atlanta letter, 12/30/68, page one)

Subject, on 1/6/69, was counseled by LEVISON regarding a request for her to address the Atlanta Press Club. (Atlanta letter, 3/5/69, page one)

On 1/13/69, subject discussed with LEVISON the content of a statement she planned to submit to the press regarding the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Memorial Center. The 1/15/69 issue of "The Atlanta Journal" published an article on Page 2A captioned "King's Widow Tells of Plans for Center". (Supra, page one)

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LEVISON, on 2/4/69, told DORA E. MC DONALD (an SCLC Secretary) he had previously instructed subject as to her approach when speaking to President NIXON. (Supra, page 2-3)

HARRY WACHTEL and LEVISON, on 3/9/69, discussed a statement WACHTEL was preparing for subject to use on the event JAMES EARL RAY pleaded guilty. "The Atlanta Constitution", on the front page of its 3/11/69 edition, published an article captioned "Widow Says It's Not Over". This article referred to the guilty plea by RAY and set forth Subject's comments which closely follow those previously discussed by WACHTEL and LEVISON. (Atlanta letter, 7/3/69, page one)

LEVISON, on 4/18/69, said he had been working with subject on her book ("My Life with Martin Luther King, Jr.") and had managed to include in it some matters the publisher desired to keep out, two of which were the Vietnam war and KING, JR.'s attitude toward Black Nationalists and Black Militants. (Supra, page two)

LEVISON, on 6/13/69, discussed with subject the contents of a letter from her to President NIXON regarding the Federal Government sponsoring a MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Memorial Center. (Supra, page two)

On 9/14/69, LEVISON provided subject a list of material which he said she should read in order to prepare herself for a forthcoming interview (not identified). (New York airtel and LHM, dated 9/17/69, captioned "Cominfil of SCLC;; IS - C".

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Information regarding subject set forth in enclosed  
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Informant is unable to furnish any additional  
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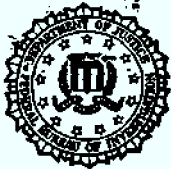
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CORETTA SCOTT KING  
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(U) On December 12, 1969, a confidential source advised he understood that on December 15, 1969, Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr., former President of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), contemplated addressing a meeting of the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, to be held that date in New York City. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(U) Source also understood that Thomas E. Houck, Field Representative, SCLC, had prepared for Coretta Scott King the speech she would deliver on this occasion. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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During July, 1968, [REDACTED] indicated he had previously associated (not explained) with the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS). ~~(C)~~ (U)

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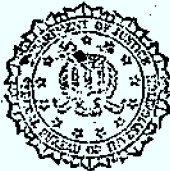
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NEW MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE TO  
END THE WAR IN VIETNAM,  
DEMONSTRATION AT WASHINGTON, D. C.  
NOVEMBER 15, 1969  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

CORETTA SCOTT KING  
RACIAL MATTER

On November 4, 1969, a confidential source advised that as of that date, Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr., former President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), planned to participate on November 15, 1969, in anti-Vietnam demonstrations in Washington, D. C. ~~(C)~~

While source could not advise the specific nature of King's contemplated activity in Washington, D. C., he pointed out her participation would be on an individual basis and not as a representative of SCLC. ~~(U)~~

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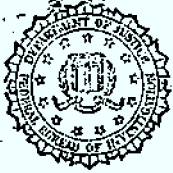
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D. C., NOVEMBER 15, 1969;  
CORETTA SCOTT KING

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SUBJECT: NEW MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE TO  
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in first caption above.Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 11 copies,  
and for WFO two copies, of an LHM prepared at Atlanta, dated  
and captioned as above, and suitable for dissemination.Source referred to in enclosed LHM is [redacted]  
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Copies of the enclosed LHM are being furnished locally to 11th MIG, Ft. McPherson, Ga.; NIS, Charleston, S.C.; OSI, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.; and USSS, Atlanta, for their information.

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CORETTA SCOTT KING, RM.

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ON DEC. TWELVE SIXTYNINE, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO  
HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED HE  
LEARNED THAT ON DEC. FIFTEEN SIXTYNINE, CORETTA SCOTT KING,  
WIDOW OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., FORMER PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN  
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) WOULD ADDRESS A MEETING  
OF THE COMMITTEE FOR A SANE NUCLEAR POLICY IN NEW YORK CITY.

MRS. KING'S SPEECH FOR THIS OCCASION HAD BEEN  
PREPARED BY THOMAS E. HOUGH, JR., SCLC FIELD REPRESENTATIVE.

SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE  
INFORMATION IN THE PAST PREVIOUSLY ADVISED THAT DURING JULY,  
SIXTYEIGHT, [ ] INDICATED HE HAD PREVIOUSLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108052)

DATE: 1/7/70

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (100-6351) (P)

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ON 09-15-2006

SUBJECT: CORETTA SCOTT KING

RM

OO: Atlanta

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, 8/1/68.

Subject met in Atlanta with WALTER FAUNTROY, SCLC representative, Washington, D. C.; RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL, former Program Director, SCLC; and HARRY WACHTEL. Source was unable to furnish any further details. (S) (U)

1970, SCLC contemplated the release of a film depicting civil rights activities of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCLC looks upon this film largely as a fund raising measure and expects to share the proceeds with subject. As of 12/2/69, JACK V. DELL was handling some matters pertaining to this film. (S) (U)

Subject planned to address a meeting of SANE in New York City. Her speech for this occasion, as of 12/12/69, had been prepared by THOMAS E. HOUCK, JR., SCLC Field Representative. (S) (U)

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January 26, 1970

MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., who is also known as Mrs. Coretta King, was born on April 27, 1927, at Heiberger, Alabama.

She is the widow of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., to whom she was married on June 18, 1953. Mrs. King has not been the subject of an investigation by the FBI. However, our files reveal that she has been extremely active in making speeches and appearances throughout the United States concerning civil rights matters.

In addition, the FBI has received information from a source who has furnished reliable information in the past that Mrs. King, since the death of her husband, has continued to hold conferences with Stanley Levison, former principal advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr. Our files reveal that Mrs. King has sought Levison's advice and counsel concerning her finances, personal appearances and speeches, and in connection with her book "My Life With Martin Luther King, Jr." (R) u

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party (CP). Levison has been described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in his position on civil rights. (S) (U)

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that [redacted] b7D

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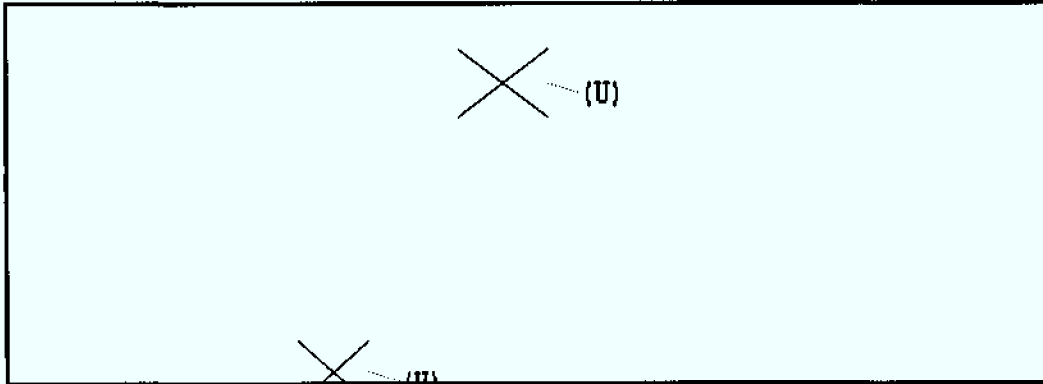
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Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

NOTE: Per request of Egil Krogh, Jr., Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs. This memorandum being classified "~~Confidential~~" to protect sources of continuing value to the Bureau.

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January 26, 1970

BY LIAISON

Honorable Egil Krogh, Jr.  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
for Domestic Affairs  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Krogh:

Reference is made to your name check request concerning [redacted] and some other individuals.

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The central files of the FBI contain no pertinent information identifiable with the following individuals:

[redacted]  
Cardinal John Francis Dearden

[redacted]  
E. Roland Harriman  
Archbishop Iakovos

[redacted]  
Gustave Levy

[redacted]  
James Stewart  
Danny Thomas

[redacted]  
DeWitt Wallace

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with the above individuals based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

Attached are separate memoranda concerning the following individuals:

Raymond Burr  
Henry J. Heinz II

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
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Walter Reuther  
Alexander Trowbridge  
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Honorable Egil Krogh, Jr.

This letter of transmittal may be declassified  
when it is removed from the enclosures bearing a classification.

Sincerely yours,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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## Type of References Requested:

- ☐ Regular Request (Analytical Search)  
☐ All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)  
☐ Subversive References Only  
☐ Nonsubversive References Only  
☒ Main Summary References

## Type of Search Requested:

- ☐ Restricted to Search  
☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)  
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Subject King, Martin Luther  
 Birthdate & Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address Atlanta, Ga.

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|              | Corretta (AKA)             |                    |
|              | M. A. Mrs. (AKA)           |                    |
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[redacted] the information set forth in the enclosed LHM [redacted] HOSEA WILLIAMS on 2/17/70 (U)

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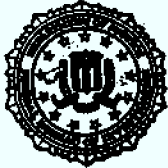
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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February 19, 1970

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CORETTA SCOTT KING  
RACIAL MATTER

On February 18, 1970, a confidential source advised he had learned that Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr., [former President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)], contemplated pursuing in the near future a program of voter registration in several southern states. In this activity King will be assisted by Andrew J. Young, Executive Vice President, SCLC. ~~(S)~~ (U)

It was source's understanding that Hosea Williams, b7D Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC, has not been consulted by King or Young regarding this activity. Williams recently expressed [redacted] he felt Young's apparent interest in King's contemplated program of voter registration was based upon a selfish motive related to Young's desire to seek election to the United States Congress. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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Reference Memorandum from FBI, Atlanta, Georgia,  
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DATE: 3/3/70

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GA: [redacted] advised on 1/15/70, a commemorative service was held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, for MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. under sponsorship of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center (MLKMC). A program distributed at this service indicated CORETTA SCOTT KING to be the President of the MLKMC; also listed were the names of 19 individuals under the caption "Board of Directors". Included in this listing were the names of HARRY BELAFONTE, RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL, STANLEY LEVISON, C. T. VIVIAN, and HARRY WACHTEL (also indicated to be legal advisor). Prior CP connection and/or sympathy on the part of these individuals has been established. (S) - (U)

On 2/10/70, [redacted] (protect), advised he had observed that in the operation of the MLKMC, CORETTA SCOTT KING has evidenced a confidence in LEVISON and WACHTEL.

In the fall of 1969, the firm of Holt, Rinehart, and Winston published the book entitled "My Life with Martin Luther King, Jr." by CORETTA SCOTT KING, copyrighted 1969. In this book under the caption "Acknowledgements", CORETTA SCOTT KING under the date "June, 1969" expressed her appreciation for the assistance rendered by various individuals in preparation of the book. When referring to several members of her household, office staff, and family, the author included [redacted]

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CORETTA SCOTT KING, under the caption "Acknowledgements" also wrote the following:

"Stanley Levison has read the entire manuscript and has offered many useful suggestions. Particular thanks go to him and to Harry Belafonte---. Harry Wachtel has given valuable legal assistance from the book's inception, and, of course with other personal matters".

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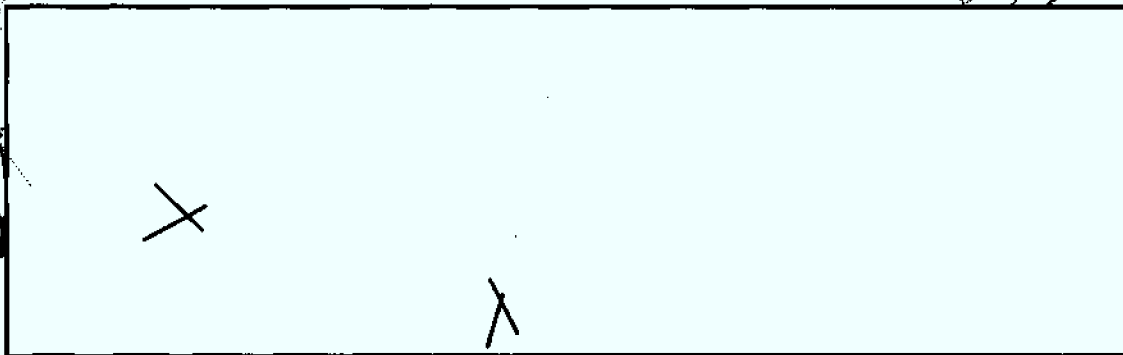
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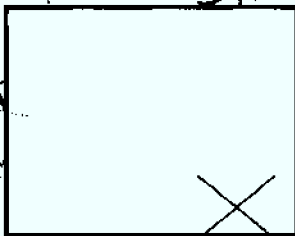
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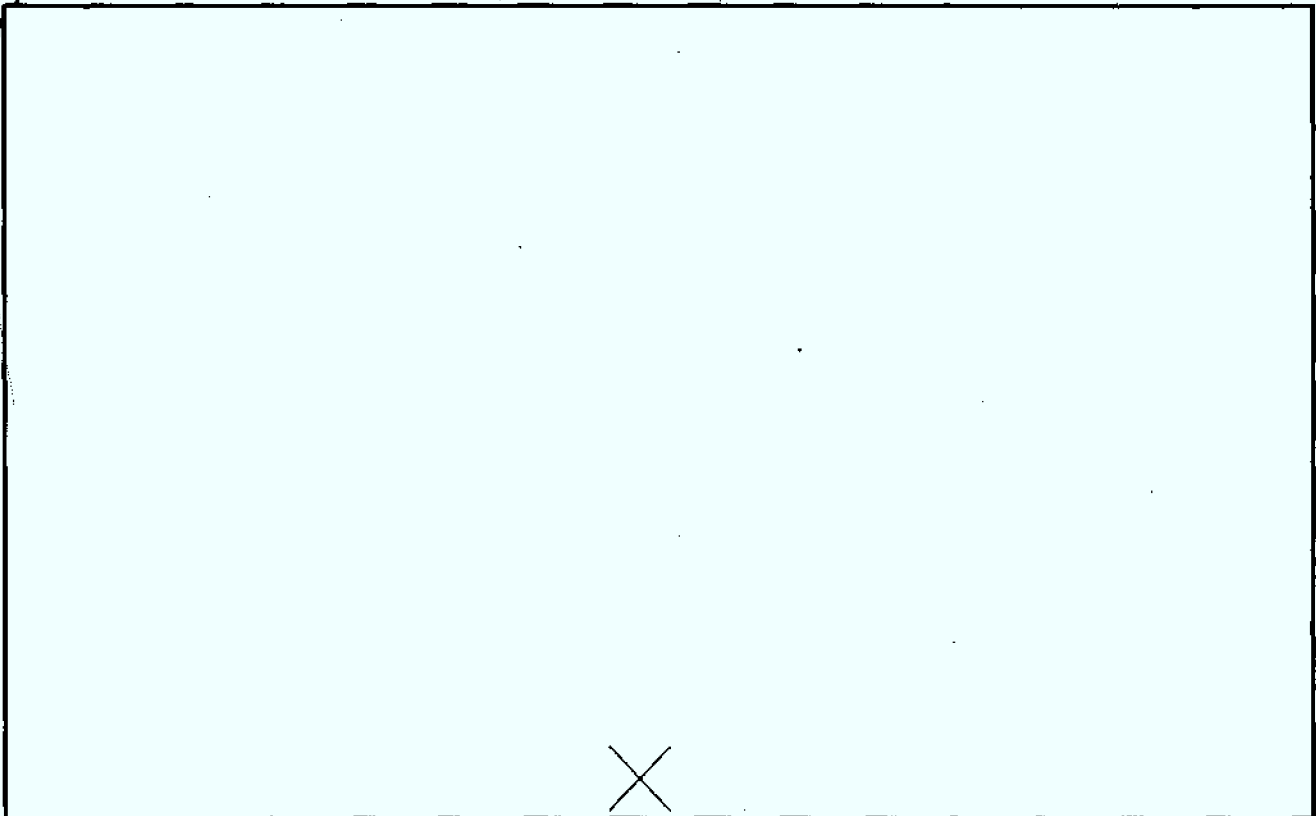
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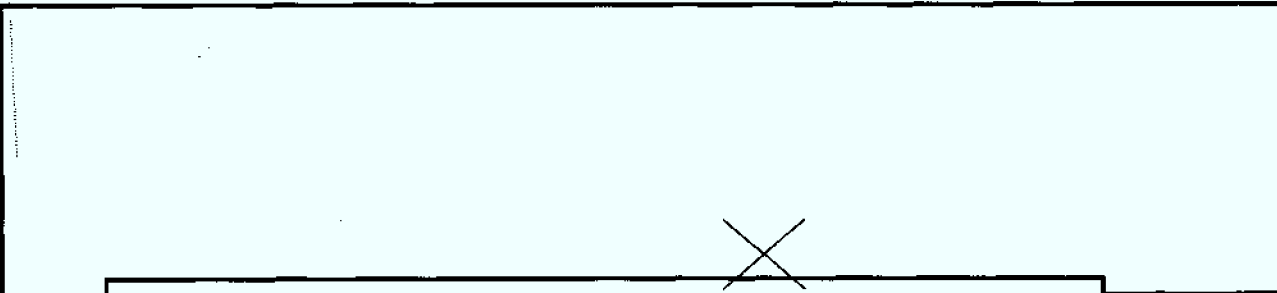
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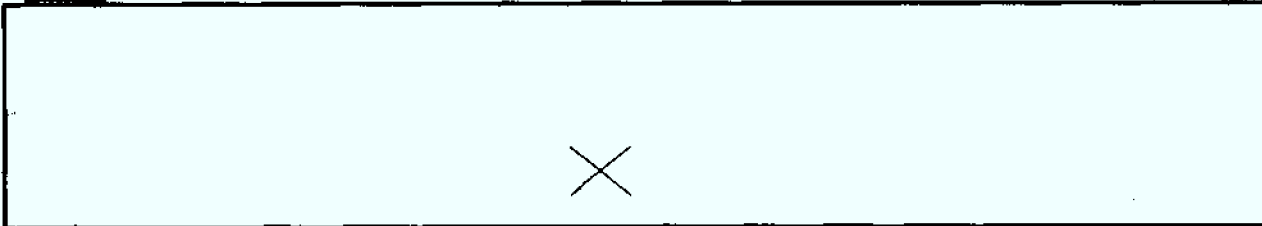


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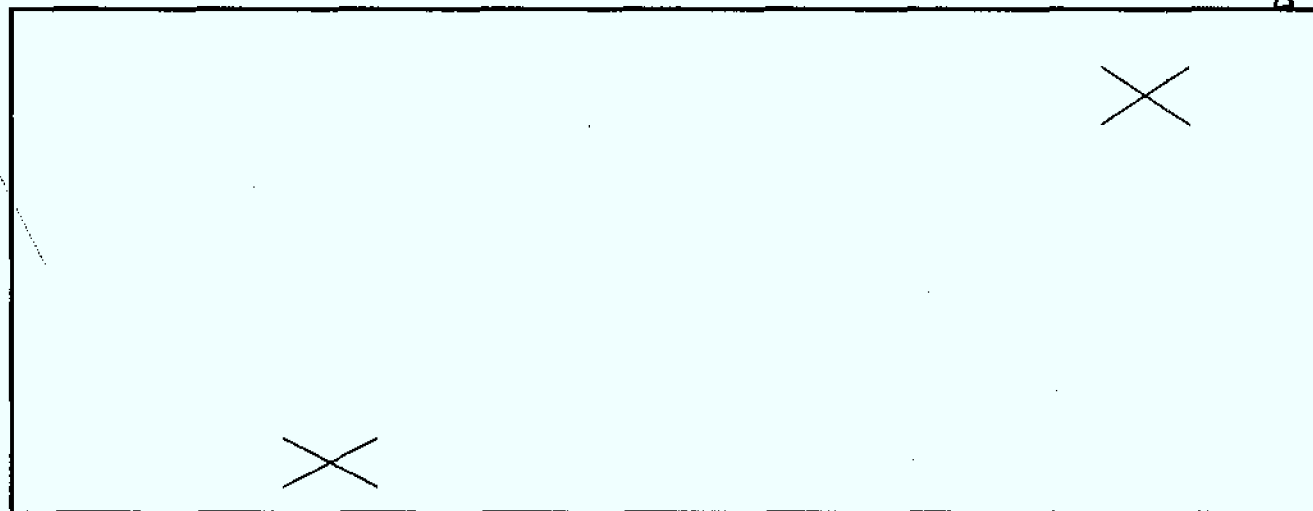
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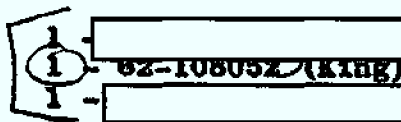
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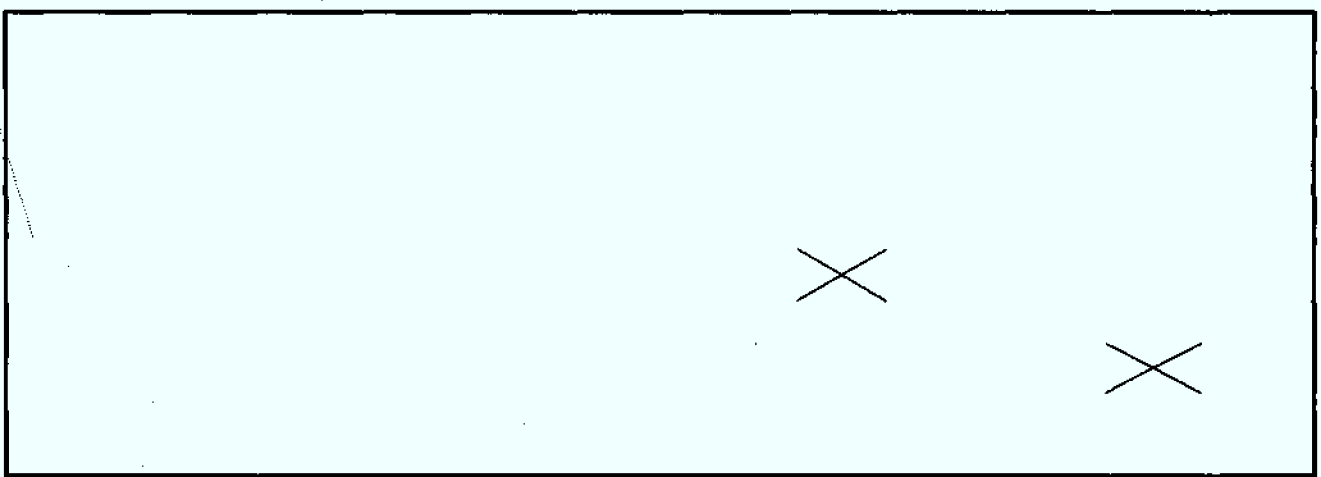
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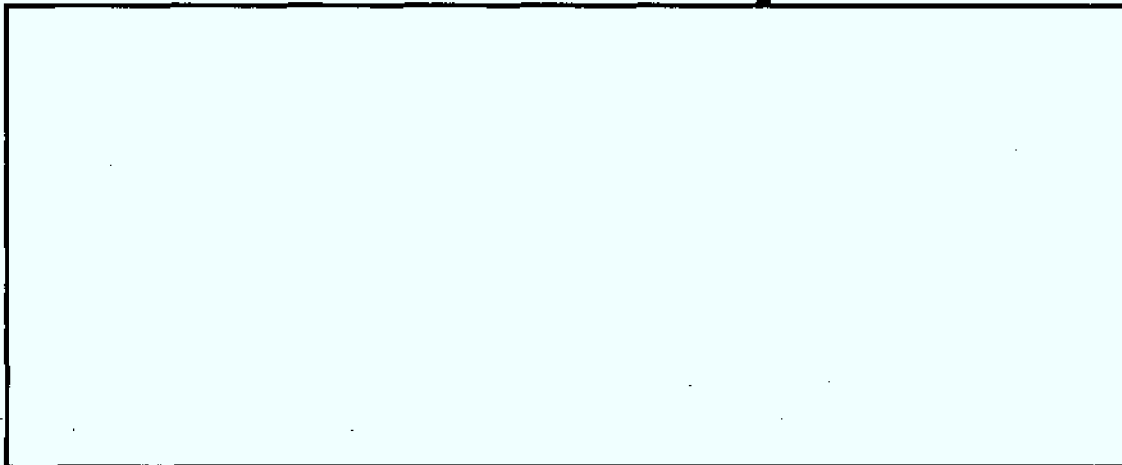
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On August 3, 1970, a confidential source advised he had learned that the movie entitled "King --- From Montgomery to Memphis", a documentary film concerning Martin Luther King, Jr., former President of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), was being shown on a continuing basis at the Astro Theater (exact address not known), New York City. Arrangements for the showing of this film at this theater were made by Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr. *✓*



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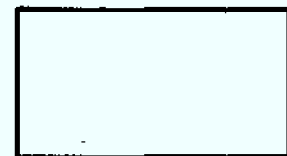
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Telephone Conversation between MG Roland H. del Mar, USA (Ret.)  
and MG McChristian 13 April 1970

Gen. del Mar: This Brady Tyson wrote an article in the Outlook Section about Brazil a week ago Sunday which was answered in yesterday's letter to the Editors in the Post (by Brazil's Minister Counselor).

Something about Brady Tyson had taken Coretta King to northeast Brazil ostensibly to stir up trouble among the blacks down there. My informant today said he took Abernathy down there last week to talk to Halter Comera (phonetic). (The Bishop who is leaving the church.) Abernathy is now engaged in Brazilian Sociology and politics with Brady Tyson.

Gen. McChristian: I will pass this on to the FBI. They are the ones interested in this.



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[redacted] Coretta King expressed dissatisfaction with number of employees of foundation, particularly in connection with anticipated financial grant to foundation, and terminated services of approximately sixteen of foundation's staff of approximately twenty-one. Individuals whose services terminated reportedly to picket King residence in Atlanta 8-3-70 in protest of dismissal. (C)

Copies of attached furnished Internal Security Division and Inter-Division Information Unit of Department.

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6:10 PM NITEL 8/3/70 ELS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ATLANTA

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INSTITUTE OF THE BLACK WORLD. RM. AT FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH FOUR ZERO THREE TWO. BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH ONE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT.

AUGUST THREE, SEVENTY, CAPTAIN JACK MC INTYRE, EXTERNAL SECURITY UNIT, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED THAT THROUGHOUT AUGUST THREE, SEVENTY, NO PICKETING ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED AT OR NEAR THE RESIDENCE OF CORETTA SCOTT KING, TWO THREE NINE SUNSET AVENUE, NW, ATLANTA.

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CORETTA KING EXPRESSED  
DISSATISFACTION WITH NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES OF THE FOUNDATION, PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL GRANT TO BE MADE TO THIS FOUNDATION IN NEAR FUTURE (IDENTITY OF GRANTOR NOT KNOWN).

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AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE SERVICE OF APPROXIMATELY SIXTEEN OF  
FOUNDATION STAFF OF APPROXIMATELY TWENTYONE, TERMINATED BY  
CORETTA KING ON JULY THIRTYONE, SEVENTY. ~~(S)~~ (U)

SOURCE UNDERSTOOD INDIVIDUALS WHOSE SERVICES TERMINATED  
PLAN AS A PROTEST TO PICKET KING RESIDENCE, TWO THREE NINE  
SUNSET AVENUE, N. W., ATLANTA, ON AUGUST THREE, SEVENTY. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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[REDACTED] RESULT OF CONTINUING  
IDEOLOGICAL DISPUTE AS TO OPERATION OF KING FOUNDATION BY  
OFFICERS THEREOF, MOST OF WHOM ARE ALSO CONNECTED WITH THE  
INSTITUTE OF THE BLACK WORLD IN ATLANTA, GA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ON AUGUST EIGHTEEN, SEVENTY, SOURCE ADVISED THIS RUMOR CURRENTLY ALLEGES CORETTA SCOTT KING IS ROMANTICALLY INVOLVED WITH A JEWISH ATTORNEY FROM NEW YORK CITY WHOSE NAME SOURCE LEARNED IS HARRY "WAATEL" (PH). (U)

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Attached ~~states~~ Coretta King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr., is romantically involved with Harry Wachtel, a Jewish attorney in New York City. Wachtel was a member of the Board of Directors for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and his name appeared on a list of names in a local Communist Party Headquarters in Brooklyn, New York, in 1944. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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Coretta King expressed dissatisfaction with the number of employees maintained by the MLKMC, particularly in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library Documentation Project, a part of the MLKMC. As a consequence, the services of approximately twenty or thirty employees were terminated. (U)

Sources understood that the employees whose services were terminated would, on August 3, 1970, picket the residence of Coretta King, 234 Sunset Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, in protest. (U)

As of August 1, 1970, the terminated employees were of the opinion that Coretta King was essentially concerned that financial resources of the Library Documentation Project did not justify the number of individuals employed and that such a continuation, if not rectified, might have a bearing upon the efficiency of the MLKMC in the eyes of future donors (identity not known) of financial aid to the MLKMC. (U)

On August 3, 1970, Captain Jack McIntyre, External Security Unit, Atlanta Police Department, Atlanta, advised no picketing activity occurred at the Coretta King residence that date.

The Atlanta Journal, daily Atlanta newspaper, on Page 2A of its Blue Streak edition of August 4, 1970, published an article captioned, "King Memorial in Need, Widow Informs Protesters", bylined Ron Taylor. This article in part revealed that on August 4, 1970, Coretta King held a press conference at which time she stated, "Some alterations" had been made in personnel of the MLKMC because of lack of funds. During this press conference, several individuals confronted

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Coretta King with charges that one-half of the Library Documentation Project Staff had been dismissed without notice on July 31, 1970.

At the aforementioned news conference it was announced that Doctor Julius S. Scott, Jr., had been appointed First Executive Director of the MLKMC replacing Doctor Vincent Harding who previously had also been in charge of the Library Documentation Project, and the Institute of the Black World (IBW), 87 Beckwith Street, S. W., Atlanta, another facet of the MLKMC. Harding, the article said, would henceforth direct the IBW.

The Atlanta Journal and Constitution on Page 14A of its August 17, 1970, edition published an article captioned, "Prospects of King Center Shrunk by Tight Budget", bylined Bill Montgomery. This article related that the Library Documentation Project of the MLKMC was currently \$81,000 in debt.

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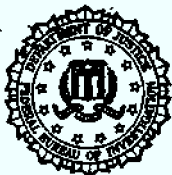
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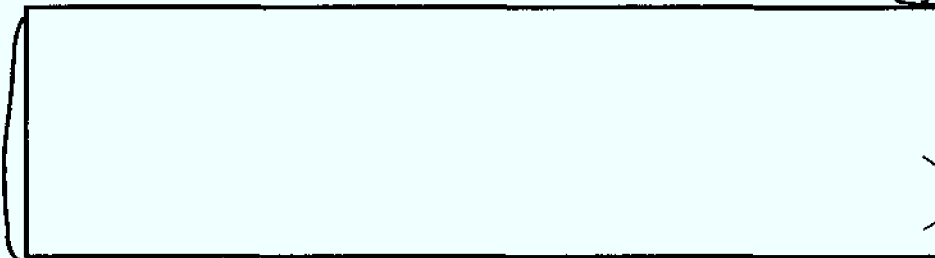
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-107350)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-40919)(RUC)

CORETTA SCOTT KING

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Enclosed for AT are two photographs of subject obtained from Passport Office, U.S. Department of State.

On 8/31/70, the passport file of captioned individual was reviewed at the Passport Office, USDS by a representative of the FBI, and the following information obtained:

CORETTA SCOTT KING was issued U.S. Passport Number K1730799 on 12/17/69. Her passport is valid for travel in all countries except Mainland China, Cuba, North Korea and North Vietnam.

In an application for passport dated 12/17/69, at Miami, Florida, Mrs. KING stated she was born 4/27/27, at Heiberger, Alabama. She gave her residence as 234 Sunset Avenue, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia and her occupation as lecturer, writer and concert singer.

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Her parents were listed as ~~OBIE SCOTT~~, who was born 8/24/1899, Heiberger, Alabama, and ~~BERNICE M. SCOTT~~, born 2/11/05, at the same location.

Heiberger, Al.  
She married MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. on 6/18/53. He was born on 1/15/29, Atlanta, Georgia, and is now deceased.

Mrs. KING listed her intention to depart from the U.S. by air during February, 1970 (exact date and port of departure not shown), for an intended stay abroad of two weeks to visit England, Sweden, Holland, France, Norway and Germany. The purpose of the trip was listed as "business". She stated she had taken four trips abroad in the preceeding year.

Mrs. KING listed her sister, Mrs. ~~EDYTHE BAGLEY~~ <sup>Scott</sup>, 124 W. Lafayette Street, West Chester, Pa., as the person to be notified in the event of death or accident.

Passport files further indicated that Mrs. KING had been previously issued passport number 313818 on 2/7/57, and passport number C224842 on 3/28/62.

The following physical description of CORETTA SCOTT KING was obtained from her application for passport:

|             |                                   |
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| Height:     | 5'4½"                             |
| Hair:       | Black                             |
| Eyes:       | Brown                             |
| Marks:      | None                              |
| Occupation: | Lecturer, writer, concert singer. |

There was no correspondence in Mrs. KING's passport file which would have any bearing on the meeting mentioned in referenced AT airtel. Passport file reviewed by SA

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Date: 10/9/70

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108052)  
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-6351) (P)  
 SUBJECT: CORETTA SCOTT KING  
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 OO: Atlanta

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Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, 8/1/68.

The 6/2/70 blue streak edition of the Atlanta Journal, daily Atlanta newspaper, on page 12A published an article captioned, "Mrs. King at College Urges New Priorities", by-lined HARMON PERRY. This article reflected subject on 6/2/70, spoke at commencement exercises of Morehouse College, Atlanta and that during these exercises she received an "honorary doctorate".

(U) [redacted] on 8/18/70, advised a rumor had recently existed in that portion of the Atlanta Negro community cognizant to some extent of subject's activities that subject was romantically involved with a Jewish attorney from New York City whose name was phonetically referred to as "WA-TEL" (HARRY WACHTEL). Subsequent to 8/18/70, informat has not heard anything further of this rumor.

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Special Agent in Charge

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February 1, 1971

MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

*Summary*

In addition to information previously furnished the White House on January 26, 1970, on captioned individual, our files reveal the following.

*Born 4/27/27, Heilbronn, Germany*

In March, 1970, information was received from a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past indicating that at a commemorative service held for Martin Luther King, Jr., in Atlanta, Georgia, under the sponsorship of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Center (MLKMC), a program was distributed which revealed that Mrs. King was the President of MLKMC and 19 other individuals made up the Board of Directors, including Stanley Levison, Harry Wachtel, and C. T. Vivian. Prior Communist Party (CP) connections and/or sympathies on the part of these individuals have been established by the FBI. (U)

Our files also reveal that Mrs. King continues to rely on and confide in Levison and allegedly has become more dependent on Harry Wachtel's advice. Wachtel is a New York City Attorney who was a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). His name appeared on a list of names in a local CP headquarters in Brooklyn, New York, in 1944. (U)

In connection with Mrs. King's book entitled "My Life With Martin Luther King, Jr.," which was published during the Fall of 1969, Mrs. King expressed appreciation to various individuals for their assistance in the preparation of that book, including

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NOTE: Per request of Alexander P. Butterfield, Deputy Assistant to the President.

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Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Another confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on August 18, 1970, that a rumor was going around the Atlanta, Georgia, Negro community, that Mrs. King was "romantically" involved with a Jewish attorney from New York City by the name of Wachtel. (62-108052) ~~(S)~~ (U)

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individual.

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January 28, 1970

MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

*Summary*

Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., who is also known as Mrs. Coretta King, was born on April 27, 1927, at Heiberger, Alabama.

She is the widow of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., to whom she was married on June 18, 1953. Mrs. King has not been the subject of an investigation by the FBI. However, our files reveal that she has been extremely active in making speeches and appearances throughout the United States concerning civil rights matters.

In addition, the FBI has received information from a source who has furnished reliable information in the past that Mrs. King, since the death of her husband, has continued to hold conferences with Stanley Levison, former principal advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr. Our files reveal that Mrs. King has sought Levison's advice and counsel concerning her finances, personal appearances and speeches, and in connection with her book "My Life With Martin Luther King, Jr."

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party (CP). Levison has been described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in his position on civil rights. ~~S~~ (U)



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Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

NOTE: Per request of Egil Krogh, Jr., Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs. This memorandum being classified "~~Confidential~~" to protect sources of continuing value to the Bureau.

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CC TO: *W. J. P.*  
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 ANS: *E. G. K. Inc.*  
 BY: *E. G. K. Inc.*

February 1, 1971

BY LIAISON

*Re Mrs. M. L. King Jr.*

Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

*Photo Incl*

CC TO: *STATE*  
 REQ. REC'D *9-15-77*  
 SEP *[redacted]*  
 ANS: *OK*  
 BY: *Heck/mc*

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

Reference is made to your name check request concerning Mrs. Margaret Hickey and some other individuals.

Attached are separate memoranda concerning the following individuals:

Mrs. Margaret Hickey

Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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This letter of transmittal may be declassified when the enclosure bearing a classification is removed.

Sincerely yours,

*62-5-36675*  
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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosures (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Gale - Enclosures (sent direct)

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Subject Kerry Martin Luther Mrs  
 Birthdate & Place Coretta Scott  
 Address 234 SUNSET AVE N.W.  
 Localities ATLANTA, GA.  
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I 62-108052  
I - 8 syn 12/7/65  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

SUBJECT: DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CONFERENCE  
APRIL 12, 1971, 10 A.M.

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This morning I attended the Deputy Attorney General's weekly conference, it being noted that this is the first conference he has had in three weeks.

In attendance other than Deputy Attorney General Kleindienst were Assistant Attorney General Will R. Wilson of the Criminal Division and Assistant Attorney General Robert C. Mardian of the Internal Security Division. Inspector George C. Moore, Section Chief of the Racial Intelligence Section, Domestic Intelligence Division, accompanied me and gave those present a rundown of the highlights of the overall racial extremist picture in the country today.

Mr. Kleindienst stated he was quite impressed with the intelligence the FBI was developing in the black extremist field and certainly recognized the threat that these political terrorists represented especially as to kidnappings, assassinations, and other such acts which could shake the country. In this regard, he specifically voiced his concern as to the current racial undercurrents which could spontaneously erupt into riots if provided with catalytic action similar to that of the assassination of Martin Luther King in 1968.

Mr. Kleindienst further took note of the fact that Mrs. Coretta King likely would appear as a speaker before the forthcoming massive peace demonstration here in Washington, D.C., on April 24, 1971, and if she is not given adequate security, extremist elements could be provided with a target which could kick things off. Mr. Kleindienst thereupon instructed Mardian to make certain that the Department's overall plans regarding the April 24th demonstrations provided for adequate police protection of Mrs. King.

1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. G. D. Brennan  
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Memorandum to MR. TOLSON  
Re: Deputy Attorney General's Conference  
April 12, 1971, 10 A.M.

Other than a general discussion of the above and other facets of the racial extremist situation, no additional pertinent matters were discussed.

ACTION:

This is submitted for your information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/19/71

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (100-12008)

DECLASSIFIED BY 60324 AUC BAW/CPB/CLS  
ON 09-15-2006

SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATIONS 4/24/71, CO-SPONSORED BY  
NATIONAL PEACE ACTION COALITION (NPAC)  
AND PEOPLES COALITION FOR PEACE AND  
JUSTICE (PCPJ) AT WASHINGTON, D.C. AND  
SAN FRANCISCO  
VIDEM

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| Miss Holmes  | _____ |
| Miss Gandy   | _____ |

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of LHM reflect-  
ing information received from [redacted] on 4/17/71 indicating  
participation in captioned matter by Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING,  
JR. (U)

Copy of LHM being furnished WFO for information.

- 2 - Bureau (Enc-5) (RM)
- 1 - WFO (Enc-1) (Info) (RM)
- 3 - Houston

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Houston, Texas

April 19, 1971

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DEMONSTRATIONS APRIL 24, 1971, CO-  
SPONSORED BY NATIONAL PEACE ACTION  
COALITION (NPAC) AND PEOPLES COALITION  
FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE (PCPJ) AT  
WASHINGTON, D.C. AND SAN FRANCISCO

On April 17, 1971, a source who has furnished reliable  
information in the past made available a copy of a letter from  
Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Mrs. Ruth Gage-Colby, National  
Coordinator for NPAC. The letter is set out below: (C) (U)

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Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr.  
234 SUNSET AVENUE, NORTHWEST  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30314

March 26, 1971

Mrs. Ruth Gage-Colby, National Coordinator  
National Peace Action Coalition  
1029 Vermont Ave. N.W., 8th Floor  
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Ruth,

I plan to be with you in Washington on April 24, because I think this is the single most important thing that I could do at this time toward fulfilling my husband's dream.

I am gratified that persons like Senators McGovern, Hartke, Gravel, Hart, Tunney, and 14 members of the House of Representatives have taken a strong position in support of the April 24 demonstration. The forces that have forged the alliance for April 24 represent the broadest and most diverse base of support that the peace forces have ever had.

This war has ravaged our domestic programs. It has created a climate of wanton violence at home and in Vietnam, and it is patently responsible for the unprecedented deterioration of our values. Without a doubt, America has continuously built for war and destruction, with flagrant disregard for peace and development.

It is my conviction that if a significant number of elected officials combine their strengths with large numbers of people whose convictions are sufficiently strong, and with a determination to end the war, this will be a clear mandate to the Nixon Administration to move toward ending this brutal and immoral war. I still believe that the power to bring about positive, lasting change rests with the people.

I will be with you on April 24 in Washington.

Yours for a lasting peace,

*Coretta Scott King*  
Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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### SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY

(See Correlation Summaries dated 12/7/65 and 7/25/68 filed as 62-108052-8 and 29 respectively.)

Main File: 62-108052

Date: 6/7/71

Subject: Coretta Scott King

Date Searched: 2/1/71

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as set out on page 2:

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed on page 2. All references under these names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY. References indicated in the block as SI contain the same information as the foregoing serial although the information may have been received from a different source.

THIS SUMMARY HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT AND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION. IT IS DESIGNED TO FURNISH A SYNOPSIS OF THE INFORMATION SET OUT IN EACH REFERENCE AND IN MANY CASES THE ORIGINAL SERIAL WILL CONTAIN THE INFORMATION IN MORE DETAIL.

Analyst

Coordinator

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#### ABBREVIATIONS

NMCEW.V.....New Mobilization Committee to End  
the War in Vietnam

PPC.....Poor Peoples Campaign

SCLC.....Southern Christian Leadership  
Conference

WDC.....Washington, D. C.

SMC.....Student Mobilization Committee

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#### RELATIVES WHO HAVE BUREAU MAIN FILES

The relationship and activities of Coretta King were set forth in the serials of the main file on her husband Martin Luther King, Jr., former President SCLC in Atlanta. These activities pertained to her work in the civil rights movement and the SCLC. Information also set out pertaining to a book to be written by her entitled "My Life With Martin King."

#### REFERENCE

#### SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

62-106670-3402 ep. 3,4,5

-A "Atlanta Journal Constitution" 9/29/70

-A "Cincinnati Enquirer" 12/4/70

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On 3/20/67

[redacted] (protect identity) furnished material concerning the Committee of Responsibility (COR) (100-447118), Ann Arbor Branch of the COR to Save War-Burned and War-Injured Vietnamese Children, Ann Arbor, Michigan. This material listed Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. as a sponsor of COR.

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The serial indicated that the purpose of COR, a national organization, was an attempt to dramatize and propagandize US "atrocities"

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in Vietnam, in the napalm bombing of innocent Vietnamese children, and bringing Vietnamese children to the US for medical treatment.

Above material enclosed  
100-447118-4 ep. 10  
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The following references in the file captioned "Demonstration Protesting US Policy in Vietnam, Washington, D.C., 1/15/68", pertain to the activities of Coretta King from 1/4/68-1/15/68 in connection with the above demonstration, in Atlanta, Ga. and Washington, D.C. King was a national sponsor of the Jeannette Rankin Brigade (JRB), a coalition of organizations and individuals from all over the US protesting the war in Vietnam. The JRB was formed by Jeannette Rankin, Congresswoman from Montana. The JRB met on 1/15/68 at Union Station, W.D.C., and marched to the Capitol where Rankin presented a petition demanding redress of grievances to end the war in Vietnam, after which they proceeded to the Shoreham Hotel, where King and others spoke. On 1/4/68 Rankin and King addressed a group of business women in Atlanta to join in the national delegation on opening day of Congress. King, a member of the steering committee of the JRB, indicated that the Vincent Hallinans, a wealthy lawyer from San Francisco, were the backers of JRB.

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-448475-9X ep. 5  
-15 ep. 4  
-18 p. 2  
-27 ep. 8  
-33 ep. 1  
-86 ep. 6  
-93 ep. 2  
-110 ep. 5,15,17  
-111 ep. 2  
-114 ep. 1  
-Sub A "Atlanta Journal" 1/5/68  
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(protect identity) advised that the Sanitation Workers Strike, Memphis (157-9146) began on 2/12/68 and continued on 4/12/68. Source stated

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that at a press conference on 4/12/68, in Memphis, held by the Union and by the Community on the Move for Equality, [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he had been in close touch with the SCLC and had been assured that a massive effort by SCLC would be made to help Memphis Negroes. He indicated that Coretta King might even consent to come back to Memphis, as she was most interested in the plight of the sanitation workers, as well as the over-all Negro Community.

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[redacted] furnished information pertaining to the Paris Conference of Women to End the War in Vietnam, April 23-26, 1968 (105-179017), Paris, France. According to the informant, on 3/12/68 at a council meeting of the Southern California Council of the Women Strike for Peace (WSP), held at WSP headquarters, Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. Mary Clarke, a member of the international planning committee, stated that she would participate at this conference and also stated that the name of Mrs. Martin Luther King had been suggested as a possible delegate to the Paris conference. (S)

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100-179017-4 ep. 2  
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On 5/1/68 Special Agents observed the annual May Day proceedings at Union Square, NYC, sponsored by the 1968 May Day Committee (100-16912). Esther Carroll, representative of International Ladies Garment Workers Union, paid tribute to the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and to Mrs. M. L. King, whom she said had the courage to lift the Banner of Peace, Freedom and Brotherhood from her martyred husband.

100-16912-521  
(33/34)

This reference captioned "International Days of Protest and Resistance, April 21-30, 1968" indicated that Coretta King reportedly would participate on 4/27/68 in an anti-war parade and rally in NYC, sponsored by the NMCEWV. At that rally King read from notes of her late husband, Martin Luther King, Jr., entitled "Ten Commandments on Vietnam". (set out) She called for the support of the PPC and the proposed

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march to WDC. She stated she would begin her campaign in Memphis on 5/2/68 arriving in WDC approximately 5/17/68.

62-112081-337 ep. 12,23,24  
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The following references pertain to a Freedom Peace Party (FPP) sponsored convention held on June 1 and 2, 1968 in NYC. On 6/2/68 the FPP nominated Coretta King for Vice-President of the US, but later she withdrew her candidacy. The FPP was formed on 3/2/68 at Albany, NY, to establish a political alliance between whites and blacks for the purpose of presenting a racially integrated slate of candidates in the 1968 elections on national, state, and local levels.

REFERENCE

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62-112182-7 ep. 1  
-9 p. 2  
-19 ep. 1

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The "Camden Courier Post" dated 11/13/68 in an article captioned "Benny Ortiz Back in Class" by Stephen Allen, set out the activities of Benjamin Ortiz [redacted] in connection with student demonstrations at Camden High School, Camden, N.J. Ortiz became involved with the SCLC and went as an SCLC Coordinator to the Poor People's March in WDC, where he became good friends with Coretta King and spent several weeks in Resurrection City.

The serial indicated that [redacted]

157-11341-7 p. 8  
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The following references on Coretta King appear in the file captioned "Stanley David Levison". These references pertain to contacts between Levison, an SCLC official, and other SCLC officials, CP members, and Congressman John Conyers of Michigan, in connection with the National Committee of Inquiry (NCI) and King's role in the NCI during the period June-August, 1968, (locality not given). Levison also discussed the NCI with King. The NCI was a committee of Negroes, formed

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by Congressman John Conyers of Michigan to decide whether a candidate for public office should be endorsed. Also mentioned was the possibility of King endorsing Senator Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota, Democratic Presidential candidate.

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100-392452-306 ep. 2  
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-316 p. 1,2,4;2,3

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The following references in the file captioned "Demonstration at the National Republican Convention, Miami Beach, Florida, August 5-10, 1968" indicated that Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. was scheduled to appear on 8/1/68 before the Republican Platform Resolutions Committee hearings to be held at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami, prior to the above convention.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

157-9760-11 ep. 1  
-46 ep. 2  
-48 p. 2

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On 8/14/68, the New York Office telephonically furnished information concerning individuals attending the National Association of Television and Radio Announcers Convention in Miami, from August 14 to 18, 1968. Information had been received that Mrs. Martin Luther King would make an appearance at the convention.

166-3866-1 ep. 2  
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This reference captioned "Peace and Freedom New Politics Parties National Convention Ann Arbor, Michigan August 17-18, 1968" indicated that at the convention in the election of candidates on 8/18/68, Coretta King received one-half vote for President of the US on the Peace and Freedom Party ticket.

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[redacted] advised that Mrs. Coretta King was scheduled to address the Democratic National Convention (157-8589) to be held in Chicago, Ill. in August, 1968. [redacted]  
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On 9/16/68 the State Department furnished information that his Excellency Arthur Bonhomme, Haitian Ambassador to the US, was scheduled to depart Washington, D.C., 9/17/68 for Atlanta, Ga. Ambassador Bonhomme would spend the day at Moore House College in Atlanta where he would meet with Mrs. Martin Luther King and return to WDC same date.

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109-12-217-1806 ep. 1  
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"The Washington Post Times Herald" 10/15/68, page A-2, contained an article captioned "Door Is Left 'Ajar' for Humphrey" sub-captioned "Black Coalition Sets Support Terms", by Robert C. Maynard, Gary, Ind., October 14. This article pertained to a three-day meeting ending on 10/14/68, of the National Committee of Inquiry (100-450753),

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a coalition of black political leaders, with Chairman Representative John Conyers, of Michigan, who left ajar to Vice President Humphrey the doorway to their endorsement as President. The committee membership included Mrs. Martin Luther King.

100-450753-A "The Washington Post  
Times Herald," 10/15/68  
P. A-2  
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The following references indicate that Coretta King would speak at the Hemisphere Conference to End the War in Vietnam, Montreal, Canada, 11/28/68-12/1/68 (105-179625), however, it was reported on 12/5/68 that she did not speak.

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105-179625-67 ep. 5  
-97 ep. 50

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"The New York Times" 2/6/69, page 17, carried an article entitled "Opponents of Vietnam War meet with Kissinger." The article in substance indicated that a delegation, including Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., Reverend William Sloane Coffin, Jr., Yale University Chaplain, speaking for the leadership of Clergy and Laymen concerned about Vietnam, and the Reverend Richard R. Fernandez [redacted] among others, were given a "very respectful hearing" at the White House by Henry A. Kissinger, Presidential Special Assistant for National Security Affairs on 2/5/69. Reportedly the group presented a proposal calling for a postwar grant of Presidential amnesty to the thousands of young Americans who were in prison for conscientious violation of the draft laws, who were in military stockades for a refusal to fight in Vietnam after induction, or who had exiled themselves to foreign countries to evade military service in Vietnam.

176-1224-14 ep. 4  
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In connection with the Desegregation of Public Schools, Hyde County, North Carolina (173-5889) on 2/28/69 [redacted] advised that [redacted] in order to contact Coretta King.

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[redacted] advised that a Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) - Socialist Workers Party (SWP) anti-war faction steering committee meeting was held on 2/19/69 at 1451 East 55th Street, Chicago, Ill. Points made at the YSA-SWP meeting included a planned anti-war rally to be held on April 5th, in Chicago. The YSA would propose a speaker from the Student Mobilization Committee, Chicago (100-446761-9) to address the anti-war rally. The last Chicago Peace Council executive board meeting (date not given) voted in favor of inviting Mrs. Martin Luther King, Marlene Dixon, instructor at University of Chicago, a GI and a student to speak at the rally. The YSA-SWP would not oppose the above speakers but would demand that the students, high school and college, have a speaker, specifically from the SMC.

100-446761-9-77 ep. 2  
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This reference pertains to a contact on 2/24/69 between [redacted] of Detroit, Michigan and Stanley Levison NYC, an advisor to the SCLC, concerning the future direction of the National Committee of Inquiry. Levison said he would sound out Coretta King on her views of endorsing a statement to be prepared by [redacted] and Levison on Negro anti-semitism. [redacted] proposed that during the period April 4, 5, 1969 that a statement be issued on persons in high standing in the Negro community such as Coretta King and others. [redacted]

157-8415-34-44  
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The following references in the file captioned "Commemoration of the Death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 4/4/69," pertain to the activities of Coretta Scott King, wife of the late Martin Luther King, during March and April, 1969, in connection with the above commemoration.

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King was invited to attend a march in Memphis, Tenn. It was reported that she would lead marches in Raleigh, N.C. and Montgomery, Ala. She was also contacted to be the principal speaker on 4/4/69 at the Las Vegas Convention Center but did not attend. She was to participate in activities planned by the SCLC during April 4-6, 1969 to commemorate the death of King. She expressed to Ralph Abernathy, President of the SCLC, her desire to stay at her residence in Atlanta, Ga., with her children during this period.

Information also set out that King would arrive in NYC on 3/30/69 to attend a conference of the Association of Ortho Psychiatry. The planning of people-to-people tours would include Mrs. King and other SCLC personalities for the purpose of recruitment.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

157-12709-7 ep. 1,2  
-15 ep. 2,4,9,18,21,23  
-27 p. 2  
-188 p. 1  
-379 ep. 1  
-435 ep. 1

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[redacted] (protect identity), [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that poor people, students and civil rights activists from over the State of Florida, would converge on Tallahassee for a "Day of Confrontation" on 4/8/69 when the Florida Legislature opened, to take part in a non-violent demonstration in memory of the slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King. Coordinating the demonstration included Reverend C.K. Steel of Tallahassee, Vice-President of the SCLC, Coretta King and other national staff members of the SCLC were expected to attend. (SIC)

The serial indicated that the above demonstration would be sponsored by the Welfare Rights Action Committee.

The above information appeared in the file captioned "Protest March on Tallahassee, Florida, by Florida Welfare Rights Organization, April, 1969."

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This reference captioned "Student Agitation, Atlanta" contained information pertaining to the SCLC demonstrating on behalf of Negroes attempting to organize a union at the Medical College Hospital and Medical College of South Carolina, Charleston, S.C., in April, 1969. As of 4/28/69, SCLC contemplated that Coretta Scott King would speak in Charleston on April 30 or May 1, 1969. b1

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The following references in the file captioned "Poor People's Campaign" contain information pertaining to the activities of Coretta King in connection with the PPC, during the period April, 1968-June, 1968, in California, Georgia, and WDC. The PPC, sponsored by the SCLC, was planned by the late Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the SCLC, to conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the Nation's Capital in the Spring of 1968, in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro. Mrs. King participated in contingent marches, rallies and mass meetings in support of the PPC. She was scheduled to appear at a rally of a contingent of the PPC in Philadelphia on 5/14/68 and to participate in a SCLC sponsored Mothers Day March in WDC on 5/11/69. In connection with the second phase of the PPC in Mississippi, King was to appear at a rally in June, 1969 in Jackson. The SCLC activities of King and her association with SCLC officials were also set forth. She was against the Vietnam War and was a major speaker on 11/29/65 at a anti-Vietnam War demonstration held in WDC. King planned to attend the 1968 Republican Convention in Miami, Fla. Information concerning the preparation and arrangements of a book entitled "My Life With Martin King" to be written by Mrs. King, was also included.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

157-8428-700  
-709 p. 1,2  
-846  
-971  
-1055  
-1095 p. 1  
-1640 ep. 2,3  
-1792 p. 2  
-1914 ep. 1  
-1925 p. 3  
-1992 ep. 9  
-2007  
-2177  
-2411  
-2510 ep. 5  
-2619 ep. 9  
-2980  
-3069 ep. 2  
-3127 p. 3  
-3136 ep. 2

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On 6/17/69, John Kenny, Chief of Detectives, NYC Transit Authority Police Department, 370 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY, made available a combination diary and address book, the property of [redacted]

[redacted] found by a Transit Authority Patrolman on a BMT LL Train. One of the items included the following: "Coretta King, 234 Sunset Avenue, NW Atlanta 30314, 688-3164, [redacted]"

100-384411-319 p. 6

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This reference captioned "Cominfil of Women's International League For Peace and Freedom" (WILPF), contains information pertaining to the 54th annual convention of the WILPF held in Atlanta, Ga., during the period June 26 through June 30, 1969. King a member of the WILPF, was a special guest at the annual meeting and was honored at a banquet.

61-1538-917 ep. 2,12,20,21

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According to a Jackson teletype dated 7/2/69, Charles Evers [redacted] had extended an invitation to nationally known individuals such as Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., to attend his inaugural ceremonies as Mayor of Fayette, Miss. on 7/7/69.

157-937-56 p. 1

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On 8/27/69 Major General Roland del Mar (U.S. Army retired), former head of the Inter-American Defense College, WDC, advised that Brady Bradford Tyson [redacted] planned to travel to Brazil the following week\* with Coretta King. According to del Mar, Tyson and King planned to visit Bishop Halder Camara, described by del Mar as a leftist Catholic Bishop in Brazil. Del Mar also described Tyson as (U) being "radically left". (C)

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A letter dated 9/29/69 from [redacted]

[redacted] referred to statements Coretta King made against the FBI and Agents in an interview on television. (Not further described.) The writer also commended the Bureau and requested information the Bureau had made public concerning the communist connections of Dr. King. b6 b7C

On 10/7/69 [redacted] was advised that information in Bureau files was confidential.

62-113479-X1  
(2,23)

The following references in the file captioned "Vietnam Moratorium Committee" contain information which indicated that Coretta King was a featured speaker on 10/15/69 during the moratorium activities in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the D.C. Vietnam Moratorium Committee.

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100-454565-412 ep. 9  
-418  
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The following references in the file captioned "Communist Influence in Racial Matters" pertain to the activities of Coretta Scott King from December 1964-10/22/69. Mrs. King was to leave NYC on 12/5/64 for London and on to Oslo, Norway, where her husband, Martin Luther King, would receive the Nobel Prize Award. SCLC activities of King and her association with Stanley Levison, both Directors of the SCLC and her contacts with other SCLC officials were also set out. King accompanied by Levison was in Charleston, S.C., to participate on behalf of striking hospital workers.

On 10/22/69 she met with Walter Fauntroy, SCLC Field Representative, Washington, D.C., and Randolph T. Blackwell, former CP member, and Harry Wachtel, an SCLC Director, at SCLC Headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. Former CP connection, affiliation and/or indication of sympathy, included some of the members of the SCLC.

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100-442529-466 ep. 1  
-2758 p. 18  
-2948 p. 1,6,7,12,14

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[redacted] reported that [redacted]  
[redacted] New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC) held  
a meeting [redacted] At this meeting it was  
announced that the NMC had secured the appearance of Mrs. Coretta King  
for a rally to be held on 11/15/69 in WDC.

The serial indicated that the Washington Mobilization  
Committee (100-453323) was affiliated with the NMC.

100-453323-13 p. 15  
(7,27)

The following references on Coretta King appear in the  
file captioned "Desegregation of Public Schools, Memphis, Tenn." These  
references pertain to nineteen individuals, including Ralph D. Abernathy,  
national president of the SCLC., indicted by Shelby County, Tenn. Grand  
Jury, Memphis, on State charges growing out of recent United Black  
Coalition sponsored boycott of Memphis City Schools. Bench warrants  
served did not include Abernathy. Two of the individuals chose to stay  
in jail to dramatize their position and await the arrival of Abernathy  
ostensibly on December 11, 12, or 13, 1969, at which time he would  
surrender himself to the Court, and they predicted that Abernathy would  
remain in jail for a few days, hoping thereby to induce Coretta King to  
come to Memphis on 12/15/69 to lead a mass protest in Memphis.

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173-2883-57 ep. 5  
-60 p. 3

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This reference captioned "Save Marie Hill Day Demonstrations", Raleigh, N.C., 1/8/70, indicated that Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., was expected to participate in a SCLC news conference to announce the SCLC role in the Marie Hill demonstrations on 1/8/70 to be held in Raleigh, N.C. The above mentioned demonstrations were to be held in protest of the conviction of Marie Hill, a Negro female, convicted of the murder of a white merchant on 10/7/68, and sentenced to the death penalty.

157-16231-5 p. 2  
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The following references in the file captioned "New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam" (NMC) pertain to the activities of Coretta King, from August 1969-February, 1970, in Atlanta, Ga., Baltimore, Md., and WDC. King made speeches and participated in marches and rallies. She endorsed and participated in a massive demonstration held by the NMC during November 13-15, 1969, held in WDC against the Vietnam War. In February, 1970, King was listed as an honorary chairman of the NMC.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

62-111181-2466 ep. 3  
-2501 ep. 2  
-2546 p. 4  
-2547 ep. 3  
-2563 ep. 11  
-2619 ep. 4  
-2692 p. 6  
-2671 ep. 5  
-2881 p. 1  
-2959 ep. 2  
-3065 p. 2  
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-3763 p. 11, 57  
-3981 ep. 7

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"The Pittsburgh Press" dated 3/18/70, page 16, a daily newspaper, contained an article captioned "Antidraft Week Climaxes With Vigil." This article pertained to an all-night vigil and demonstrations in Pittsburgh on the above date in connection with the observance of "Antidraft Week", sponsored by the Pittsburgh Peace Coalition, an Ad Hoc Committee composed of principal Pittsburgh peace organizations, advocating an end to the war in Vietnam. The article indicated that Ted Harding, a spokesman for Friends Peace Center, in Oakland, stated that activities would stop shortly before 8:00 p.m. to allow protestors to attend a speech by Coretta King.

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"DemDraft." The above information appeared in the file captioned

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This reference captioned "Demonstrations, April, 1970 to Protest War Taxes and the Production of War Material by Corporations," pertained to a mass march and rally on 4/18/70 in connection with a week-long anti-war activities dated for April, 14, 1970 in Atlanta; one of the sponsors, being the Atlanta Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (AMC). During an AMC meeting on 4/15/70, Atlanta, it was announced that no prominent speakers had been scheduled. Coretta King could not be reached.

100-457655-423 ep. 4  
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The following references in the file captioned "Institute of the Black World" (IBW) pertain to the association of Mrs. Coretta King with the IBW during the period, December 1969-early May 1970, in Atlanta, Ga. The IBW reportedly was formed as an appropriate memorial to Mrs. King's husband, the late Martin Luther King, Jr. The only connection between Mrs. King and the IBW was the fact that [redacted]

[redacted] In early May, 1970, Mrs. King and other members of the Martin Luther King Memorial Center, had become very displeased with the unidentified administrators of the IBW because Stokely Carmichael of the SCLC was brought to Atlanta under the auspices of the IBW without prior notice to King or members of the Board of Directors of the SCLC.

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157-15878-1

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-9 p. 4  
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The following references in the file captioned "Demonstrations Protesting US Intervention in Vietnam" contain information pertaining to the activities of Coretta King during the period January, 1968-May, 1970 in Georgia and WDC. King was a sponsor and participated in a march of the Jeannette Rankin Brigade, a national coalition of women's anti-war groups, on 1/15/68, held in WDC, protesting the war in Vietnam. On 10/15/69, King spoke by phone from Atlanta, Ga. to an anti-war demonstration sponsored by the Vietnam Moratorium Committee held in Baltimore, Md. She called for immediate withdrawal of American troops from Vietnam. King was scheduled to make an appearance at a rally for peace and war repression to be held in Memphis, Tenn. on 5/3/70. One of the endorsers of this rally was the SCLC. Information indicated that Jeannette Rankin was the first woman to serve in Congress.

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105-138315-8709 ep. 2  
-8752 ep. 2  
-sub 3-69 ep. 1  
-sub 28-23 ep. 1,2

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This reference captioned "National Demonstration, Washington, D.C., 5/9/70" indicated that Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., was introduced as a surprise speaker at the above demonstration held near the White House, WDC, sponsored by the NMCEW. Mrs. King gave her best wishes to the demonstrators.

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On 6/22/70 [redacted] furnished information concerning [redacted] in connection with civil rights and the peace movement. [redacted]

[redacted] of a rally held at Overton Park, Memphis, on 5/30/70. [redacted] unsuccessful efforts to secure a representative of the BPP from New Haven, Coretta King, and the Vice President of the US as speakers at the above "Rally on Repression".

100-459564-1 ep. 3  
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The following references in the file captioned "Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam" (CALCAV) contain information pertaining to the activities of Coretta King in connection with the CALCAV, during the period February 1969-June, 1970, in Washington, D.C. The CALCAV held an Educational-Action Project at the Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, Washington, D.C., during February 3-5, 1969. On 2/5/69 the CALCAV sponsored a march from the A.M.E. Church, led by King, to the Justice Department, where King spoke against the war in Vietnam. In June, 1970 King was a co-chairman of the CALCAV. She was also a sponsor of the National Council to Repeal the Draft, organized through the efforts of CALCAV and other groups.

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105-170160-99 ep. 4,5,8  
-112 ep. 3  
-116 ep. 3  
-150 p. 6  
-152 p. 3,16

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The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters" pertain to the civil rights activities of Coretta King, a national civil rights leader, from April, 1968-July, 1970, in Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and Tennessee. King participated in marches and affairs sponsored by the SCLC, including activities on behalf of striking hospital workers in Charleston, S.C., attempting to organize a Negro Union. She was to lead a march in Memphis, Tenn. on behalf of striking sanitation workers. King spoke at the 13th anniversary meeting of the Montgomery Improvement Association in Montgomery. King was invited to Madison, Wisc. by welfare demonstrators and was also invited to appear on a program in Washington, D.C., commemorating Washington, D.C. residents killed in Vietnam. King was an initiator of a petition protesting the genocide of black America and others,

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to be presented to Congress. In April, 1968 she participated in a Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial march, in Memphis, Tenn.

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| 157-6-1928                  | (8,29)          |
| -1969 p. 1                  | (8)             |
| -A "People's World" 7/11/70 | (8,15,36)       |
| 157-6-2-2428 p. 3,6         | (29)            |
| -2678 ep. 1                 | (15,29)         |
| -2704 ep. 1,2               | (8,15,36)       |
| 157-6-28-1439 p. 1,2        | (29)            |
| 157-6-30-1183 ep. 14        | (29)            |
| -53-1871 ep. 2              | (29)            |
| 157-6-61-1683 ep. 4         | (19,29)         |
| -66-570 p. 1                | (8)             |
| -578 p. 3                   | (8)             |
| -611 ep. 5,8                | (9)             |
| -619 ep. 3                  | (9,29)          |
| -681 ep. 2                  | (9)             |
| -720 p. 1,2                 | (9,15,17,29,36) |

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The following references in the file captioned "Southern Christian Leadership Conference" pertain to the activities of Coretta Scott King, one of the top leadership of the SCLC, from April 1968-August 1970 in various cities in the US and India. King participated in SCLC fund-raising activities, led marches, participated in the PPC, participated at national conventions and spoke at other affairs. Her contacts and association with the top leadership of the SCLC were set forth. The SCLC staff wanted King to go to Sweden. The SCLC decided

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that King should become more active in the organization because of her symbolic value to the civil rights movement and because of rumors that dissent in the organization threatened the position of the President, Ralph Abernathy.

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| 100-438794-2121 ep. 1  | (20, 24)        |
| -2136 ep. 1            | (20, 24)        |
| -2140 ep. 1            | (3)             |
| -2148 p. 2             | (3, 24)         |
| -2150 ep. 1            | (4)             |
| -2152 ep. 3, 6         | (4)             |
| -2155 ep. 1-5          | (4)             |
| -2161 ep. 2            | (4)             |
| -2173 p. 2             | (4)             |
| -2175 ep. 1            | (4, 24)         |
| -2179 ep. 1, 2         | (4, 14, 24)     |
| -2187 p. 1             | (20)            |
| -2189 p. 1             | (4)             |
| -2192 ep. 2, 3         | (4)             |
| -2201 ep. 2            | (4)             |
| -2211 p. 1             | (4, 24)         |
| -2215 ep. 1, 2         | (4, 24)         |
| -2219 ep. 1            | (5, 24)         |
| -2242 ep. 2-7          | (5, 24)         |
| -2305                  | (17)            |
| -2312 ep. 1, 2         | (5, 24)         |
| -2327 ep. 6, 9, 39, 42 | (5, 14, 24, 36) |
| -2335 p. 4, 16, 28     | (5, 14, 36)     |
| -2340 ep. 2            | (5, 24)         |
| -2345 p. 9-15, 17-29   | (5, 25)         |
| -2374 ep. 1            | (14, 25)        |
| -2453 ep. 1            | (5)             |
| -2459 ep. 1            | (25)            |
| -2461                  | (25)            |
| -2463 ep. 1, 2         | (12, 25)        |
| -2509 p. 1, 2 ep. 2    | (5)             |
| -2524 ep. 2            | (5, 25)         |
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This reference captioned [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] had completed his research  
work on the Marcus Garvey\* papers at the New York Public Library and  
would continue with another phase of the work at the Black World  
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On 12/4/70, [redacted] advised that the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF) (100-10355) was planning to send a delegation to WDC on 12/10/70 to protest concerning the court cases regarding black draft resisters, and principally concerning the court case with regard to one [redacted]

(U) [redacted] during the latter part of November, 1970, to begin serving his sentence for draft resistance. The delegation was expected to include SCEF and SCLC officials, and it was hoped by the SCEF that Coretta King would agree to participate. The delegation would be made up of additional individuals connected with Black Liberation and peace movements, according to SCEF. ~~C~~

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The following reference on Coretta King has been reviewed and is identical with the subject, however, the information was received from a highly sensitive source and has not been included.

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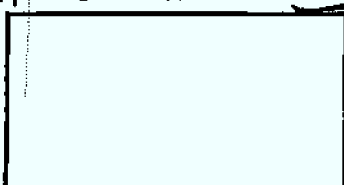
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The following references on Coretta King, Mrs. Martin Luther King located in files maintained in the Special File Room of the Records Branch, Files and Communications Division, were not reviewed, and it is not known whether they are identical with the subject of this summary:

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108052)

DATE: 6/29/71

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ON 01-11-2007

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (100-6351) (P)

SUBJECT: CORETTA S. KING  
RM

(U) For the information of the Bureau, [redacted] advised on 4/28/71, and 5/5/71, that on 4/24/71, Mrs. CORETTA S. KING, widow of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., spoke at a demonstration held at the national capitol in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the National Peace Action Coalition (NPAC) and Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice (PCPJ). National Coordinator [redacted]

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[redacted] letter from CORETTA SCOTT KING to Mrs. RUTH GAGE-COLBY, National Coordinator, NPAC, 1029 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C., dated 3/26/71, wherein Mrs. KING stated her intention to be in Washington 4/24/71. Following is a copy of the letter:

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*Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

234 SUNSET AVENUE, NORTHWEST  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30314

March 26, 1971

Mrs. Ruth Gage-Colby, National Coordinator  
National Peace Action Coalition  
1029 Vermont Ave. N.W., 8th Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Ruth,

I plan to be with you in Washington on April 24, because I think this is the single most important thing that I could do at this time toward fulfilling my husband's dream.

I am gratified that persons like Senators McGovern, Hartke, Gravel, Hart, Tunney, and 14 members of the House of Representatives have taken a strong position in support of the April 24 demonstration. The forces that have forged the alliance for April 24 represent the broadest and most diverse base of support that the peace forces have ever had.

This war has ravaged our domestic programs. It has created a climate of wanton violence at home and in Vietnam, and it is patently responsible for the unprecedented deterioration of our values. Without a doubt, America has continuously built for war and destruction, with flagrant disregard for peace and development.

It is my conviction that if a significant number of elected officials combine their strengths with large numbers of people whose convictions are sufficiently strong, and with a determination to end the war, this will be a clear mandate to the Nixon Administration to move toward ending this brutal and immoral war. I still believe that the power to bring about positive, lasting change rests with the people.

I will be with you on April 24 in Washington.

Yours for a lasting peace,

*Coretta Scott King*

Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108052)

DATE: 8/31/71

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (100-6351) (P)

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ON 01-11-2007

SUBJECT: CORETTA S. KING  
EM

Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, dated 6/29/71.

On 8/27/71 [ ] advised that CORETTA KING attended the 14th Annual Convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in New Orleans, Louisiana, which was held from 8/10-13/71. She spoke at the convention. The source advised that there were rumors at the convention in the nature of gossip which he stated could not be verified by him to the effect that CORETTA KING and [ ] have been on close, intimate terms for quite some time. The source did not know the extent of their intimacy or if it was more than rumor. ~~C~~

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TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108052)

DATE: 11/30/72

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (100-6351) (C)

SUBJECT: CORETTA SCOTT KING  
EM - SCLC

Subject is the widow of the deceased MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., former President of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Atlanta, Ga. Atlanta has maintained a file concerning Mrs. KING since the death of KING for the purpose of making a determination as to any affiliation on her part with extremist or subversive individuals or organizations.

No information has come to the attention of Atlanta which indicates a propensity for violence or affiliation with subversive elements. She is a member of the Board of Directors of SCLC. She makes frequent public appearances and speeches in behalf of legitimate civil rights movements and activities and is active in collecting funds for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center in Atlanta.

In view of the above, Atlanta is closing the case concerning Mrs. KING. In the event information comes to the attention of Atlanta concerning her, wherein further action should be taken, the Bureau will be advised and appropriate action will be taken.

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NAME CHECK

MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Captioned individual, who you advised is affiliated with the Martin Luther King Center for Social Change, 671 Beckwith Street, Southwest, Atlanta, Georgia, was the subject of White House name checks in 1970 and 1971. Copies of the FBI memoranda dated January 26, 1970, and February 1, 1971, each concerning the captioned individual are attached. (62-108052-57, 67)

Since that time, our files reveal the following information concerning the captioned individual:

The National Peace Action Coalition (NPAC) and the Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice (PCPJ) sponsored a series of demonstrations in Washington, D.C., during the period of April 24 to May 5, 1971. The NPAC is an umbrella antiwar organization with an objective to involve masses including labor unions, G.I.'s, and the black community to effect the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. forces from Southeast Asia and abolition of the draft. The PCPJ described itself as comprised of over 100 organizations whose purpose is to combat the issues of racism, poverty, repression and war. On April 29, 1971, the Spring Demonstration Against Poverty, War and Repression as sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), was held at Washington in conjunction with the NPAC and PCPJ demonstrations, and featured Ralph D. Abernathy, President of SCLC, leading a mule train to the U.S. Capitol. With Abernathy calling for a guaranteed annual income of \$6,500 for a family of four, other speakers at the Capitol rally included Bella Abzug, National Student Mobilization Committee Secretary Debra Bustin, Senator Vance Hartke, and Coretta S. King. In her speech, Mrs. King spoke of the trouble in America, of churches and schools having been napalmed by those who seek personal profits, (our) cities are dying from bankruptcy, having mass murders, fear exists everywhere and the war is the cause of all this. She said the war is an enemy

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Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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of black people and that it rids the nation of all its useful resources. She posed the question, "Why can't people of the United States and Southeast Asia make peace?" She said people should make peace and that we should declare that the war is over, that the march of hunger and poverty is over and added that the only trouble is that Nixon and Agnew hope to keep this national crisis to maintain control of the people. Mrs. King said her husband maintained there must be a radical revolution in the form of a personal revolution in order to change the society and that racism and militarism have to be put down. She concluded by saying, "You - people - let us make the peace." (100-463195-810, 777 p. 3,4)

In November, 1972, it was known that Mrs. King continued to be a member of the Board of Directors of the SCLC while making frequent public appearances and speeches in behalf of legitimate civil rights movements and activities. She is also active in collecting funds for the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Center in Atlanta, Georgia. (62-108052-72)

On November 30, 1974, Mrs. King led a march sponsored by the Committee for Integrated Quality Education in Boston, Massachusetts, to support busing for integration of the schools. She was one of the speakers listed for a rally in connection with the march. (157-6-5-A Daily World, 11/30/74.)

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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☐ Subversive References Only  
☐ Nonsubversive References Only  
☒ Main *Sum* References Only *Recent Search*

Type of Search Requested:

☐ Restricted to Locality of *1975*  
☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)  
☐ Buildup ☐ Variations *1975*Subject *King, Martin Luther, Jr.*

Birthdate &amp; Place

Address *Martin Luther King Center*  
*for Social Change*Localities *671 Beckwith St. S.W.**Atlanta, Ga.*R# *1/4* Date *1/1/74*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

DATE: 3/11/75

FROM : Legal Counsel *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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At 3:30 p.m. on March 10, 1975, I met with Assistant Attorney General Scalia, Office of Legal Counsel in the Department; William Hoiles, Counselor to the Attorney General; Harry H. Wachtel, attorney for Mrs. Coretta King and the estate of Martin Luther King, Jr.; Congressman Andrew Young (D-Ga.); and District of Columbia Delegate Walter E. Fauntroy.

Mr. Wachtel said that he represented Mrs. King personally and the estate of Martin Luther King, Jr., in an effort to determine the best course of action concerning certain file material believed to be in possession of the FBI regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. He introduced Congressman Young as the principal spokesman for their group.

Mr. Young said that he is personally acquainted with the King children and his principal concern is to protect the reputation of their late father. He said that during the years in which the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was active under the leadership of Martin Luther King, Jr., Young was a national coordinator and Fauntroy SCLC head in the District of Columbia. Young said that his interest is in preventing in any way disclosure of information that might be derogatory concerning King. He said that he is particularly concerned about the possibility that the Senate Select Committee and the House Select Committee on Intelligence might subpoena FBI records concerning King with the result that material could be leaked to the press.

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He said he is also concerned about reports appearing in the press recently which alleged improper activities concerning the FBI. He gave as an example the allegation in the "New York Times" of March 9, 1975, that the Bureau had ordered handwriting samples of Young to be obtained in order for his signature to be forged. Young said that he is not interested in helping the press attack the FBI by having the Bureau's files concerning King made available because he has personal knowledge that the press, in the early 1960's, was aware that FBI Agents circulated false reports concerning members of the SCLC and doing other things to disrupt their activities. He said that at that time he and others had requested the press to identify the Agents involved, but they consistently refused to do so and now he saw no reason to aid the press in their current efforts against the FBI.

Mr. Wachtel said that he was aware that they could ask for materials under the Freedom of Information Act and that they could sue for damages for improper activities by the Bureau, but they have decided that it would be more useful to protect the privacy of the King family to attempt to resolve this matter without the publicity that would be attached to such requests or a suit. He asked what our general policy is concerning the release of information to Congress and our policy concerning the protection of privacy of individuals who might be mentioned in our files.

I told him that the FBI is not in favor of making Bureau files available for review by members of Congress and that we are most concerned about the protection of personal privacy of individuals. I pointed out that in most cases the FBI's position under the FOIA is that material should not be released even in those situations where the Department is of the opinion that the material must be released pursuant to the statute. Assistant Attorney General Scalia supported me in that position and said he well understood the policy of the FBI to be a careful concern for the privacy of individuals.

Congressman Young said that their interests could be served if they could be made aware of the nature of the information in Bureau files on King and he requested consideration be given to granting them



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access to file material concerning King. He explained that they could not take appropriate steps to protect the privacy of King and his surviving family against publication by Congress or leaks to the press unless they knew what the material was. Young suggested that it might be possible for any material on King to be transferred to the King Memorial Library to be held free from inspection for future historical purposes. I reminded Mr. Young that such a move would not protect the material from Congressional subpoena and I suggested to him that if material exists in FBI files concerning King, it would have greater protection in the custody of the FBI because of the opportunities available for the Executive Branch to deal on an equal basis with the Congress, and therefore to deny access to the material in the face of a Congressional subpoena.

Mr. Young agreed that he had not considered that aspect of his proposal.

Mr. Wachtel asked for a specific timetable for the preparation of the Attorney General's proposed guidelines and asked whether any specific arrangements have been made to date with any of the Congressional committees that might involve material on King. Assistant Attorney General Scalia told him that no specific timetable has been set for the development of guidelines but the Attorney General has indicated that they must be developed at an early date. He said that no arrangements have been made with any Congressional committees concerning file material on King.

Mr. Wachtel and Congressman Young requested an opportunity to meet again to discuss this matter further and indicated that they would call and request another meeting. Mr. Scalia then advised that he would present to the Attorney General the request for them to have access to the file material if any exists on King and indicated that he would advise Mr. Wachtel by March 17, 1975, of the developments concerning the Attorney General's proposed guidelines.



It was indicated that there was no request made under the FOIA. The purpose of the meeting was to attempt to find an informal way of disposing of material that might exist concerning King of a derogatory nature. After the conference had concluded, I discussed

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with Mr. Scalia the steps he might take in resolving this matter and I requested him to keep me advised as to any decisions that might be made by the Attorney General. Nothing additional needs to be done by the Bureau at this time concerning this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

DATE: 3/4/75

FROM : Legal Counsel *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT  
REQUEST CONCERNING MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR.

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At 3:20 p.m. on March 4, 1975, William Hoiles, Counselor to the Attorney General, called me and advised that the Attorney General had just received a telephone call from an attorney representing Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., requesting a conference with the Attorney General. The attorney proposed that he would be accompanied by Congressman Andrew Young (D. -Ga.) and District of Columbia Delegate Walter E. Fauntroy. Hoiles said that instead of having the Attorney General meet with the Congressman, Mr. Fauntroy and the Attorney representing Mrs. King, it had been proposed that Hoiles meet with them accompanied by Assistant Attorney General Scalia of the Office of Legal Counsel of the Department, and he requested me to attend as well.

Hoiles said that the meeting would be held at 1:00 p.m. on the afternoon of March 5, 1975, in the office of Mr. Scalia.

It appears that the request to meet with the Attorney General is intended to provide an opportunity for a request to be made for information concerning Martin Luther King, Jr., under the Freedom of Information Act. In the event such a request is made, it will be made clear that the Bureau will receive the request and it will be handled appropriately under the statute.

At 4:15 p.m., Mr. Hoiles's secretary advised that the attorney representing Mrs. King would be Harry H. Wachtel.

1 - Mr. Wannall

1 - Mr. Moore

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1 - Mr. Mintz

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RECOMMENDATION:

That I comply with the request to meet with the Department representatives and with the attorney for Mrs. King, the Congressman and Delegate East Gray.

*[Handwritten signatures: JMA, JMA, JMA]*

ADDENDUM BY LEGAL COUNSEL, 3/6/75, JAM:mfd

At 12:30 p.m. on March 5, 1975, Mrs. Rusen, in the Attorney General's Office, called me and advised that the meeting scheduled at 1 p.m. on March 5, 1975, had been postponed at the request of Mr. Wachtel and has been rescheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 1975.

*[Handwritten signatures: JMA, JMA]*

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TO: DIRECTOR  
ATLANTA

FROM: PHILADELPHIA (62-NEW) (C)

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September 19, 1988

The Honorable William S. Sessions  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
J. Edgar Hoover Building  
Suite 7176  
Ninth Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Sessions:

I have enclosed a copy of an editorial from the Atlanta Constitution on Tuesday, September 13, 1988, entitled "A Plan to Overcome Racism at the FBI." I am delighted to see you moving aggressively to institute an affirmative action plan to correct past and even present inequities in personnel practices. Your efforts can be of great benefit to the Bureau and subsequently, our nation. I am also pleased that the FBI will be housed in the newly designated Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Annex Building in Atlanta.

I hope you will visit The King Center, our Freedom Hall Complex, and the MLK, Jr. National Historic Site. An opportune time would be on Monday, January 16, 1989, when we observe the Fourth National Holiday in Dr. King's honor. The day's observance will begin with the Ecumenical Service at historic Ebenezer Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. and conclude with our National Parade and March of Celebration which steps off at 2:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

*Coretta Scott King*  
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## A Plan to Overcome Racism at the FBI

Credit FBI Director William S. Sessions with doing the honorable thing. Without waiting for the outcomes of pending lawsuits that accuse the Federal Bureau of Investigation with discrimination against, and racial harassment of, minority employees, Mr. Sessions has instituted an aggressive affirmative action plan to correct inequities in his agency.

Judging from testimony in the legal proceedings so far, there is much to be corrected. A suit filed by 311 Hispanic agents charges discrimination in the assignment, promotion and discipline of Hispanic agents. An action by a black agent in Philadelphia accuses supervisors and agents of racial harassment. Several of the agent's complaints have been upheld by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Of 9,597 FBI agents, fewer than 10 percent are black or Hispanic. Only 417 are black; 439 are Hispanic. This even though blacks and Hispanics make up more than 20 percent of the U.S. population and despite the fact that a number of the bureau's cases require work in minority communities. Such cases would seemingly benefit from the in-

volvement of minority agents.

In any event, Mr. Sessions, who says he has wanted to improve the bureau's treatment of minority employees since he took over the agency, has apparently realized the difficulty of trying to change an entrenched bureaucracy whose members' attitudes may still be influenced by the less enlightened policies of the J. Edgar Hoover years.

Over the next five years, the FBI will aggressively recruit women and minorities, and not just for "traditional" minority jobs. Mr. Sessions said minority members will be sought for crucial job categories such as linguist, lawyer, engineer, computer scientist and accountant. An advertising agency has been hired for that purpose and several of the agency's top employees will be asked to serve as recruiters.

Career development and training programs are being improved and promotion and complaint procedures are being reviewed. Mr. Sessions' actions are welcome. They indicate he is serious about his vow to stamp out racism and discrimination in the agency — an accomplishment that will benefit the bureau and the nation.

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October 4, 1988

Mrs. Coretta Scott King  
449 Auburn Avenue, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30312

Dear Mrs. King:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in providing me with a copy of the September 13th editorial from the Constitution. There are many opportunities ahead for bringing highly qualified young men and women into the life and activity of the Bureau.

Thank you for your cordial invitation to share Monday, January 16th, with you. I shall look forward to being present at the Ebenezer Baptist Church and to touring the sites you have suggested. It is likely that I will need to depart Atlanta before the 2:00 p.m. parade.

I shall look forward to hearing from you about the scheduled events.

Sincerely,

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Director

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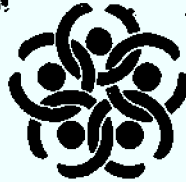
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Dear Director Sessions:

My thanks and sincere appreciation for your kind and most generous letter of March 6, 1989. Your support of Martin's Federal National Holiday and the efforts of the Federal Commission to comply with the mandate of the Congress to make the holiday a "time for Americans to reflect on the principles of racial equality and nonviolent social change espoused by Martin Luther King, Jr." is to be commended. I am especially delighted and encouraged by your belief that using FBI personnel to work with the MLK Jr. Federal Holiday Commission could be a beneficial relationship for your employees.

I have every reason to believe that with the support of the President and the Congress that the Federal Commission will be extended beyond April 20, 1989 and that we will be in a position to take advantage of your interest in furthering the work of the Commission.

In the meantime, I would like to use this opportunity to express my concern about a good friend and supporter of Martin, The King Center and the Federal Commission, Congressman Walter Fauntroy. As you know, the FBI has been investigating Congressman Fauntroy for several months after very public and politically damaging allegations which originated with an Associate Press reporter.

I understand that the FBI completed its investigation and that the evidence assembled for the record, reflected no violation of law. I now understand that the FBI has been requested to extend its investigation of Congressman Fauntroy for another two months which leads me and Civil Rights leaders to fear that an apparatus which was operated in the decade of the 60's against Martin is being reactivated as a results of the regulation issued by former Attorney General Messe on the last day of his tenure at the Department of Justice. I sincerely hope this is not so.

I know that your sense of fairness and justice would refrain the FBI from any involvement in efforts designed solely to discredit the reputation of a member of the Congress for political and partisan purposes. I hope we can close the chapter on the allegations and investigation of Congressman Fauntroy, so that he can get on with providing the essential leadership to which so many of us have come to expect and to depend upon.

Sincerely,

*Coretta Scott King*  
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April 20, 1989

Mrs. Coretta Scott King  
The King Center  
449 Auburn Avenue, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30312-1590

Dear Mrs. King:

I will look forward to hearing from you concerning extending the Federal Holiday Commission in support of Dr. King's Federal National Holiday.

I read of your concern with respect to the publicity regarding Congressman Walter Fauntroy. Public officials are constantly subjected to the scrutiny of the press and the general public. As I am sure you appreciate, it would not be appropriate for me to make any kind of comment regarding any investigation or inquiry the FBI may have originated with respect to allegations about Congressman Fauntroy.

I appreciate your confidence in my sense of fairness and justice and assure you that the FBI will conduct its business according to the rule of law and within the guidelines established by the Attorney General of the United States.

I hope you will continue to assist me in the recruiting of qualified minorities to be FBI employees. If you have any specific ideas along those lines, I would be grateful if you would share them with me.

Sincerely,

William S. Sessions  
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